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[EXTRA] ACTRESS NINA KATSURAGI'S FIRST-RATE RISTORANTES ··· 139

Story

RYOUMA, A NORMAL GUY WHO'S ONLY SPECIALTY IS BASEBALL, HAS ALWAYS HAD ONE-SIDED FEELINGS FOR HIS CHILDHOOD FRIEND MAO. WHILE STILL UNABLE TO CONFESS HIS FEELINGS, MAO FALLS IN LOVE WITH HAYATO HONJOU, AN ACTOR SHE MET BY CHANCE, AND THEN SHE GOES INTO SHOW BUSINESS SO THAT SHE CAN MEET HIM! WHEN RYOUMA FOLLOWED AFTER MAO INTO THE WORLD OF SHOW BUSINESS, HE AMAZINGLY ENDED UP IN THE SAME AGENCY AS HAYATO, HIS RIVAL IN LOVE. MOREOVER, THE CHANCE HE LANDED AS A GODSEND WAS TO PLAY THE ROLE OF HAYATO'S YOUNGER BROTHER. TO PREPARE FOR THE ROLE, RYOUMA STARTED LIVING WITH HAYATO AND CAME TO REALIZE THAT MAO AND HAYATO ARE IN LOVE WITH EACH OTHER...

SPURRED ON BY NINA, AN ACTRESS AND RIVAL TO MAO, RYOUMA CONFESSED TO MAO. ALTHOUGH SHE REJECTED HIM, FAR FROM GETTING DEPRESSED, RYOUMA LOST HIS REASON FOR BEING IN SHOW BUSINESS, AND DECIDED TO LEAVE THE INDUSTRY, BUT...!?

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Drip
Drip
UGGGH!
UGH!
UGH!
UGH!
LOOK...
.....
HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA CRY, KENJIROU?
UGGGGH!
BAM!
OW!
WHOA! I FELL ASLEEP!!

AND JUST WHEN HE'S TRIED SO HARD TO MAKE IT THIS FAR...
B...BUT RYOUMA...
RYOUMA SAID HE'S QUITTING SHOW BUSINESS...
DON'T JUST SAY IT SO EASILY!
IF YOU'RE GONNA CRY THAT MUCH, WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST STOP HIM?
IF A BOY SAYS SOMETHING LIKE THAT WITH THAT SORT OF RESOLVE ON HIS FACE...
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN STOP HIM...
"SORRY, KENJIROU, BUT I'VE HAD MY FILL."

HE LOOKED SO CONTENT...
EVEN THOUGH HE GOT INTO SHOW BUSINESS BY CHASING AFTER THE GIRL HE LIKES...
ONLY TO GET HIS HEART BROKEN,
HE'S SO CUTE!
He used to be so stupid and evasive!! He's grown so much!
OWWWW!
IF YOU UNDERSTAND, THEN STOP CRYING ALREADY!
I MISSED OUT ON HAYATO'S AUDITION TO LISTEN TO YOU!
むぎゃうう
HEY, THAT'S RIGHT!
YOU'RE HAYATO-KUN'S MANAGER, SO WHY ARE IGNORING HIM!?
It's an important audition, right? Get going!
.....

HUH?
DO YOU NOT GET IT?
DO YOU NOT GET WHY
I'M HERE RIGHT NOW?
U
D...
DOES THAT MEAN...

KENJIROU!!!
ARE YOU HERE!?
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK...
HUH? WHY ARE YOU HUNCHED OVER?
RYOUMA...

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO KNOCK...?
!!?
WHO ARE YOU !?
IT'S ME, KENJIROU.
Why add in a personality gap here where you look cool if you have your hair down_?
I always look good.
SO? WHAT'S THIS FAVOR?
HUH?
AHHH...

COULD YOU TAKE ME TO HAYATO'S MOVIE AUDITION VENUE?
HUH!?
BUT AREN'T ONLY THOSE INVOLVED ALLOWED TO GO THERE...?
PLEASE!
THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO THERE!

.....
...AH... YOUR CHILD-HOOD FRIEND
IS ONE OF THE FINALISTS FOR THE AUDITION...

ALL RIGHT,
YOU'RE GONNA BE GOING AT ANY RATE,
SO I'LL TAKE YOU THERE,
RYOUMA-KUN.

You.
AH, YOU'RE HAYATO'S MANAGER...!!

HUH?
YOU INTERRUPTED US BEFORE I COULD EXPLAIN THAT, RYOUMA-KUN.
You didn't have to be there with him?
BUT WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I'm coming, too!

She shook her
She messed up the kimono
SHEESH...
SHE'S ALWAYS SO POWERFUL.
Jump!
KNOCK KNOCK
CAN I COME IN?
THIS VOICE...
AH...
YES...
I BROUGHT YOU
A NEW KIMONO.

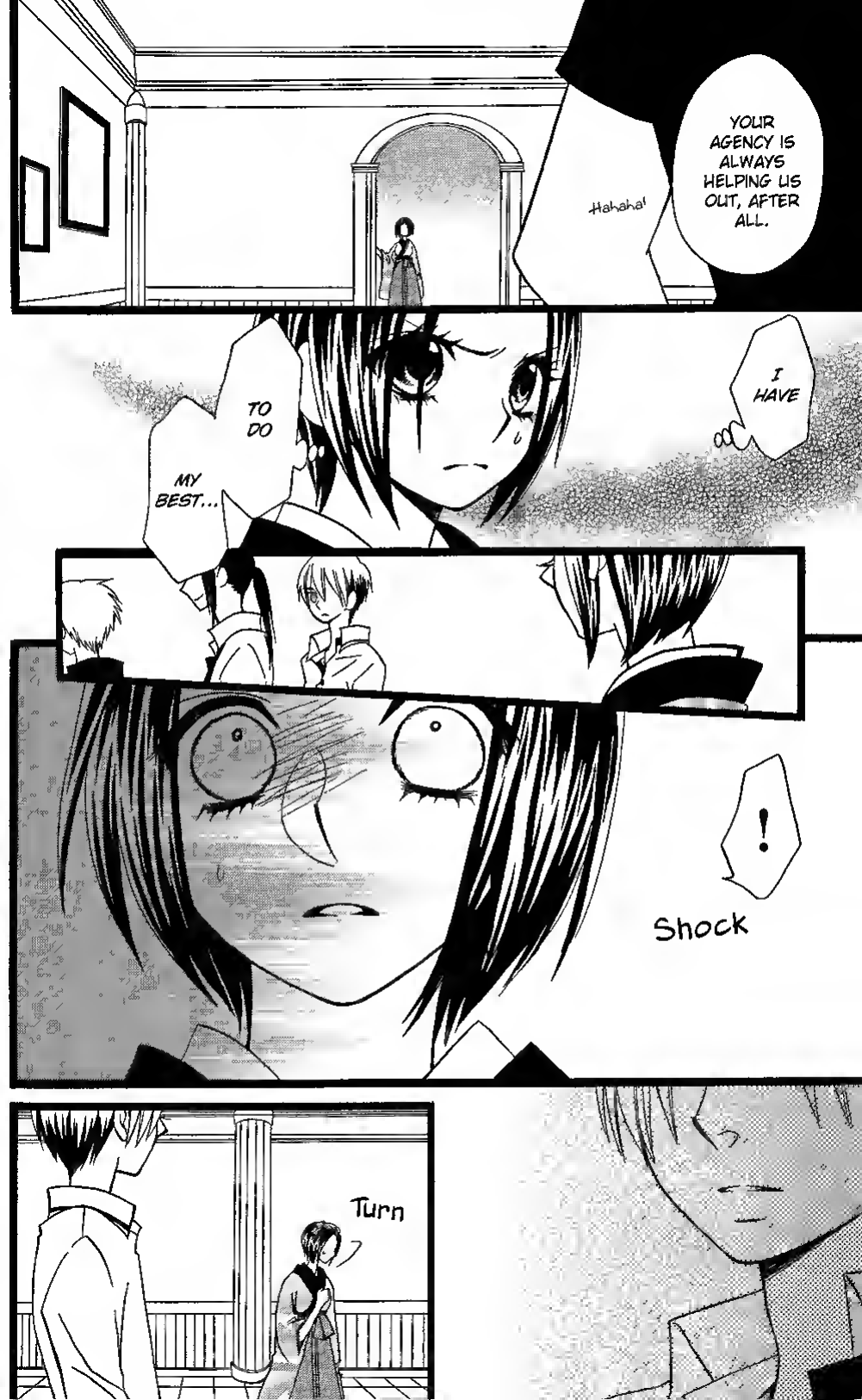
TH...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH...
I'VE HEARD THAT IT HASN'T BEEN THAT LONG SINCE YOU'RE DEBUT.
I'M SURE YOU'RE NERVOUS, BUT HANG IN THERE.

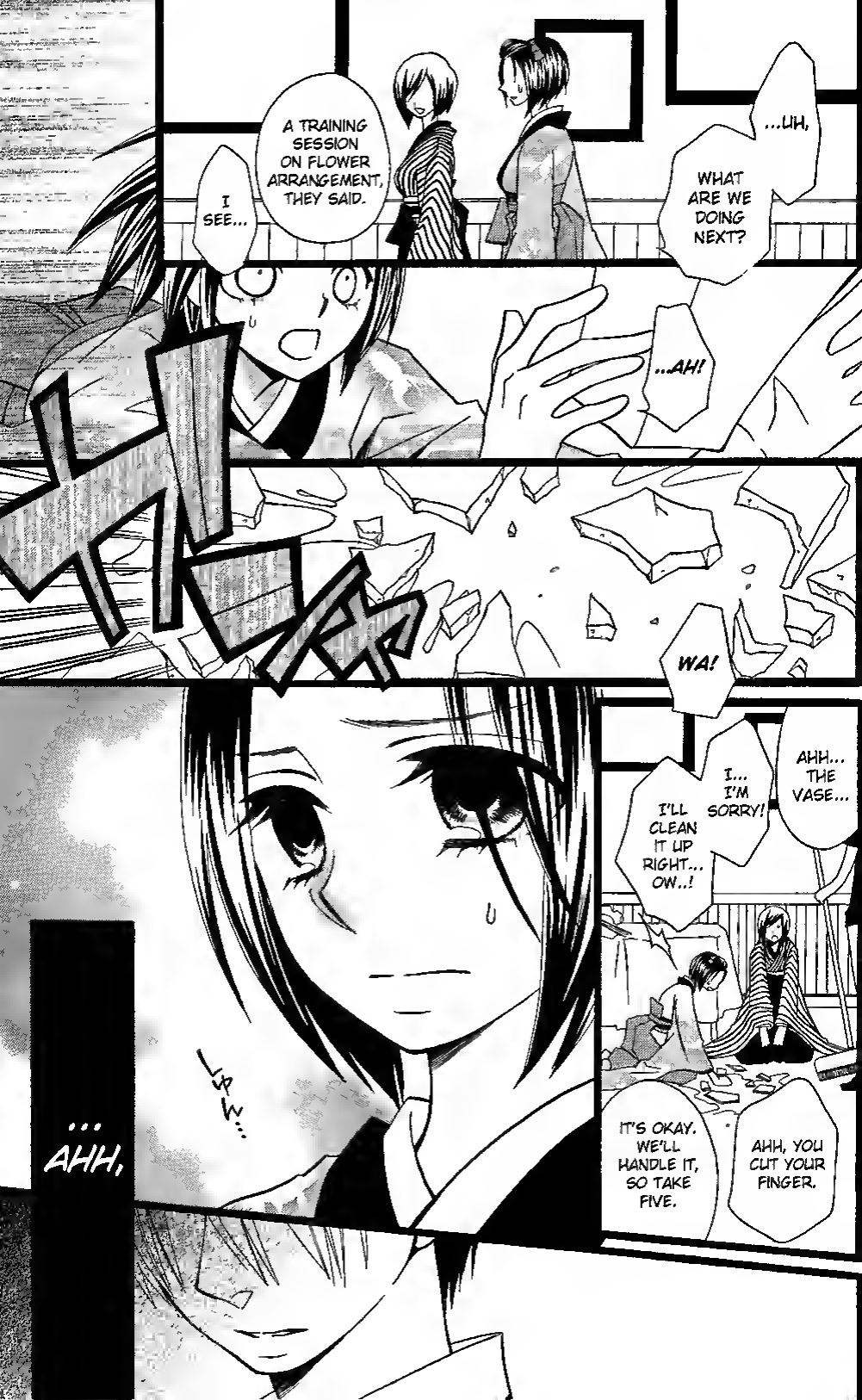
IF HE HAS TO TELL ME TO
"HANG IN THERE,"
THAT JUST SHOWS I HAVEN'T BEEN DOING MY BEST...
KUH ...!
Clink...
I HAVE TO TRY HARDER...
WHY DID I GO OUT OF MY WAY TO CALL HIM...?
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH ME?
I SWEAR ...
BUT I CAN'T
DELIVER THE FINAL BLOW TO HIM.
I'M SURE THAT...
Stomp
Stomp
Slam
Screech

NINA!!
RYOUMA ...
ARE YOU OKAY!?
YOU DIDN'T SOUND LIKE YOURSELF ON THE PHONE...
HE...
REALLY CAME...

HE CAME TO SEE ME BEFORE ANYONE ELSE...
AHH, HE DOESN'T GET IT!
YOU WANTED TO HAVE A PROPER FACE OFF WITH MAO, RIGHT?
I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT PUSHING THIS ONTO YOU.
FEEL LIKE THIS FOR YOUR SAKE!!
GEEZ! WHY DO I HAVE TO
YEAH,
YOU'RE RIGHT.
GIVE THIS BACK TO HER.
I'LL
I'M REALLY SORRY.

I'LL SETTLE IT MYSELF.
SETTLE IT?
WHAT'S HE GONNA DO...?
EXCUSE ME, COULD YOU LET THIS GUY OBSERVE?
I DON'T MIND.


YOUR AGENCY IS ALWAYS HELPING US OUT, AFTER ALL.
Hahaha!
I HAVE
TO DO
MY BEST...
!
Shock
Turn


...UH,
WHAT ARE WE DOING NEXT?
A TRAINING SESSION ON FLOWER ARRANGEMENT, THEY SAID.
I SEE...
...AH!
WA!
AHH... THE VASE...
I... I'M SORRY!
I'LL CLEAN IT UP RIGHT... ON..!
AHH, YOU CUT YOUR FINGER.
IT'S OKAY. WE'LL HANDLE IT, SO TAKE FIVE.
LUR...
...AHH.

WHAT'S WITH THAT PITIFUL LOOK ON HER FACE?
WHAT A DISASTER. THIS IS THE WORST.
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?
ARE YOU GONNA GIVE THAT BACK AND TELL HER NOT TO WORRY ABOUT YOU ANYMORE?
OR ARE YOU GONNA GIVE THAT TO HAYATO HONJOU AND HOOK THEM UP?
...NO, I WON'T DO THAT.
SHE REJECTED ME,
SO I DON'T NEED TO DO SOMETHING THAT NICE FOR HER, RIGHT?

HUH ...?
Grin
WHAT !?
Rustle...
WHY'D YOU CALL ME OUT HERE?
WHAT IS IT, RYOUMA?

I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF AN IMPORTANT AUDITION RIGHT NOW.
BESIDES, WHY ARE YOU HERE?
BECAUSE OF THIS.
Clink
!
YOU DROPPED IT BACK THEN.
I FIGURED THAT I SHOULD GIVE IT BACK TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...
THAT'S ...!
WHY DO YOU HAVE IT...!?

I CAN'T BELIEVE I LIKED SOMEONE LIKE THAT ALL THIS TIME! WHAT A LET DOWN!
BUT YOU LOOK SO LAME!!
LOOK AT THE SORRY STATE YOU'RE IN!
I'M SUCH A JERK
WHA ...!?
TO MAKE MAO
AT THIS RATE,
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD DO YOUR BEST AT THE AUDITION AND GET HAYATO TO NOTICE YOU IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET NEXT TO HIM ON EQUAL FOOTING.
I FEEL GUILTY SINCE IT'S ALL MY FAULT,
SO I MIGHT AS WELL FIX YOU UP WITH HIM TO MAKE UP FOR WHAT I DID.
LOOK LIKE THAT.

I'LL GIVE THIS TO HAYATO
AND TELL HIM THAT YOU'RE THE GIRL HE MET.
THAT'S NOT WHO YOU ARE.
THE MAO I LOVE WOULD ...
WHA ...!?
HE REMEMBERS WHEN HE MET YOU,
SO I'M SURE THIS IS WHAT HE'LL THINK.
"AHH, THAT GIRL FROM BACK THEN BECAME A FAN OF MINE AND CHASED AFTER ME."

...I DON'T CARE EVEN IF YOU HATE MY GUTS.
...CUT IT OUT ...!!
GIVE THAT BACK, RYOUMA!
I DON'T PLAN ON USING THE PAST AS AN EXCUSE TO GET CLOSER TO HIM!
JUST COME BACK, MAO!!
...I'M NOT GIVING THIS BACK!
IF YOU DON'T PASS THIS AUDITION,
THAT'S WHEN I'LL GIVE THIS TO HAYATO!
THAT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO TO MAKE AMENDS.

RYO-
UMA
...!
IT'S NOT THE LOOK OF A GIRL AIMING FOR THE ROLE OF A HEROINE, THOUGH...
...SHE LOOKS DIFFERENT...

SO THAT HE CAN PURELY DO SOMETHING JUST FOR HER SAKE.
HE'S SETTING HIS OWN FEELINGS ASIDE
AND WHO HE SHOULD BE TOWARDS HER.
WHAT SHE SHOULD DO TO FACE FORWARD,
HE'S WELL AWARE
キャ…
I'M SO JEALOUS.

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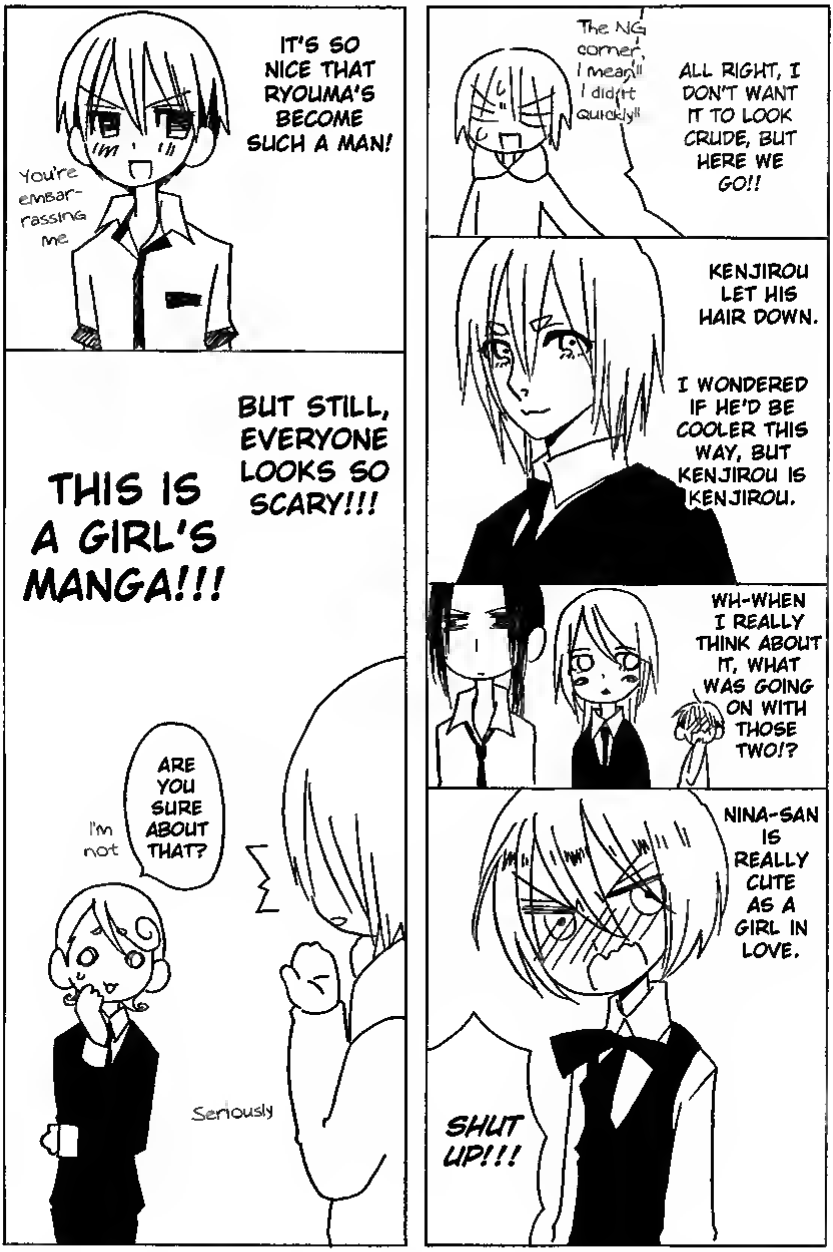
IT'S SO NICE THAT RYOUMA'S BECOME SUCH A MAN!
You're embarrassing me
The NG corner, I mean!! I didn't quickly!!
ALL RIGHT, I DON'T WANT IT TO LOOK CRUDE, BUT HERE WE GO!!
KENJIROU LET HIS HAIR DOWN.
I WONDERED IF HE'D BE COOLER THIS WAY, BUT KENJIROU IS KENJIROU.
WH-WHEN I REALLY THINK ABOUT IT, WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH THOSE TWO!?
NINA-SAN IS REALLY CUTE AS A GIRL IN LOVE.
SHUT UP!!!
THIS IS A GIRL'S MANGA!!!
BUT STILL, EVERYONE LOOKS SO SCARY!!!
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?
I'm not
Seriously

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「芸能人、辞める」。
決心をした涼真は
最後の大仕事に挑む!!

玄关に告白しかも強引にキスまでして、すレイに振られて、芸能人やる意味がなくなり事務所を辞めることにした涼真。ほこに、玄关と同じオーディションを受けているヒナから連絡が入る。玄关にいつもの覇気がまるでないという。自分のせいで玄关が傷ついた、申し訳ないさと、ほんの少しの淋しさと。涼真は合宿オーディションへと急ぐ。涼真が見つけた愛情のカタチとは!? 最後まで爆走★最終巻!!

【収録作品】Full Dozer③
描上ゾストラン「Full Dozer番外編」

MY SUPER CUTE POMERANIAN ONCE LOOKED LIKE A MONKEY FOR A PERIOD OF TIME, BUT NOW HE LOOKS LIKE AN OLD MAN. HE'S THE CUTEST OLD MAN IN THE WORLD.

THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR FULL DOZER'S LAST VOLUME.

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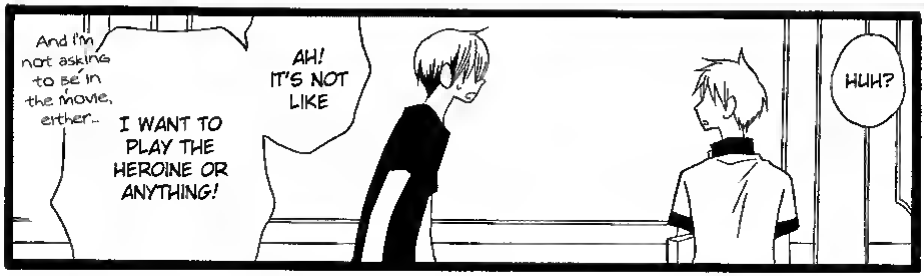
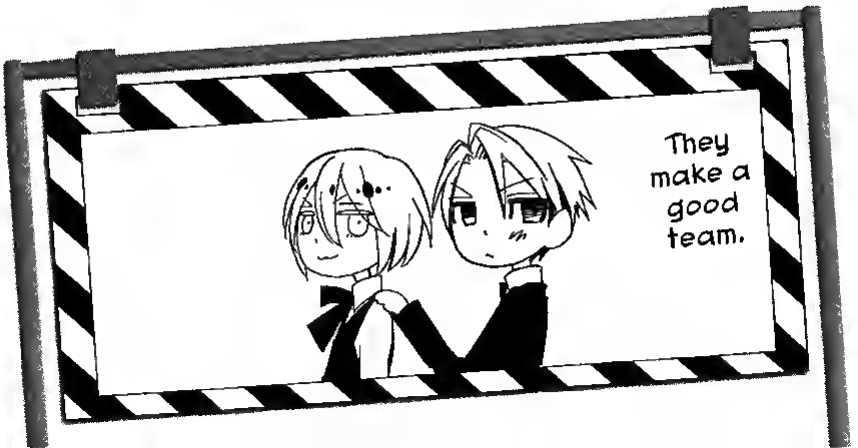
UM, EXCUSE ME!
COULD I DO SOMETHING DURING THE AUDITION?


And I'm not asking to be in the movie, either-
I WANT TO PLAY THE HEROINE OR ANYTHING!
AH! IT'S NOT LIKE
HUH?


They make a good team.

I STIRRED HER UP BY DOING THAT,
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I CAN JUST QUIETLY WATCH FROM THE SIDELINES...
"IF YOU DON'T PASS THIS AUDITION,
I'LL GIVE THIS TO HAYATO AND TELL HIM EVERYTHING."
HAYATO H FAN CLUB No. 0000
IF THAT MAKES HER GO BACK TO ACTING LIKE A WILD BOAR LIKE ALWAYS,
Doah!!
AHHH!! YOU'RE THAT GIRL!!
THEN HAYATO WILL REALIZE WHO SHE IS AND THEY'LL OFFICIALLY BECOME A COUPLE.
?
THAT'S
THE FIRST AND LAST THING I CAN DO FOR MAO...
!
AHH! YEAH,
THERE'S A ROLE THAT'S PERFECT FOR YOU!!

OHH...
WHAT'S THIS?
THE HEROINE IS GOING TO DRESS AS A GUY AND WORK AT THE HERO'S HOUSE,
BUT YOU'RE GONNA BE A SERVANT THAT'S ALREADY WORKING THERE!
SO TEASE THEM!!
Ohh!
YOU WANT ME TO TEASE THEM!!
TEASE THE CANDIDATES AS MUCH AS YOU WANT!!
THAT'S PRECISELY
THE PERFECT ROLE FOR ME RIGHT NOW!!!

ALL RIGHT! LET'S DO THIS!
HOLD IT...
YOU'RE NOT GONNA TELL ME YOU'RE PARTICIPATING IN THE AUDITION TOO, RIGHT?
OWW! THAT HURTS! YOU'RE STEPPING ON MY FACE!
WAIT...

Your legs are so long!! What a badass. I'm losing my confidence as a guy
WHOA! WHAT THE!? YOU LOOK LIKE SUCH A BADASS!
STARTING TODAY, WE'LL BE DRESSING UP AS GUYS AND ACTING AS SERVANTS.
HUH?
BUT YOU
WENT BACK TO YOUR OLD HAIR COLOR.
DIDN'T YOU GO WITH DARK HAIR AND EYES BECAUSE THIS IS FOR "TAISHOU ROMANTIC FLIGHT"?
.....

...WHEN I'M AROUND YOU,
IT MAKES ME WANT TO COMPETE JUST THE WAY I AM.
.....
HUH?
.....?
.....
DIDN'T I ASK YOU WHY YOU'RE DRESSED LIKE THAT!?
OWW! THAT HURTS!
IT'S JUST,
I STIRRED MAO UP,
SO THERE'S NO POINT UNLESS I JOIN IN, RIGHT?

LOOK!
WE'RE THE ONES THAT MADE IT THIS FAR IN THE AUDITION.
SO THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE SHE AND I ARE GONNA FACE OFF WITH EACH OTHER!!
IT'S NOT GONNA HELP ANYTHING IF YOU SUDDENLY SHOW UP AND GET IN OUR WAY!
AND SO!!
I'M TELLING YOU
TO LEAVE STIRRING HER UP TO ME!!
AH!
I...
I SEE...
BUT...
.....

HUH?
I COULDN'T DIRECTLY DELIVER THE FINAL BLOW TO YOUR FEELINGS FOR HER
BECAUSE I THOUGHT ABOUT YOU LEAVING THIS WORLD AS A RESULT.
HUH...?
BUT IF YOU'VE ALREADY MADE UP YOUR MIND
I'LL BRACE MYSELF FOR ANYTHING, TOO.

TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOU.
SO GIVE ME ONE LAST CHANCE

...
STOP IT!!
AH! HEY! WHAT'S WITH THIS HAND!!?
OKAY,
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU.
.....

WELL!! I'LL BE THE ONE THAT PASSES THE AUDITION, THOUGH!!
HAHA! WELL, I WASN'T AIMING FOR THAT FROM THE START.
I don't care who passes the audition
BUT NOW I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO...
What am I gonna do all dressed up like this?
.....
CLICK
AH!
MA-
MAO ...!

WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT, RYOUMA?
ARE YOU PLANNING ON TAKING PART IN THE AUDITION, TOO?
!
.....
SO YOU WENT BACK TO YOUR OLD HAIR COLOR.
WELL, EITHER WAY,
BRING IT ON!
I'M GONNA BEAT THE HELL OUT OF BOTH OF YOU AT ONCE!

HUH ...?
WHAT'S THIS FEELING ...?
AHHHH... THERE'S THAT...
LOOK IN HER EYES...
HEY, NINA
ON SECOND THOUGHT, I'M JOINING IN, TOO.
YEAH...
IT LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE GONNA BE INTEREST-ING...!

WHAT'S GOING ON? ARE YOU TAKING PART IN THE AUDITION?
AHHHH! RYOUMA-KUN!!
AHAHAHA!
STARTING TODAY, A BUNCH OF GUYS ARE GONNA BE WAITING ON ME!
Isn't that great?
WAIT, WHAT THE HELL? THAT'S NOT FUN AT ALL...
I wish it had been girls.
HEY, WHAT'S WITH HIS SPACEY BEHAVIOR?
Is he gonna be okay during the audition?
IT'S A FITTING ROLE FOR HIM
SINCE HE'S PLAYING A FOOLISH YOUNG MASTER WHO'S SPACEY AND KIND-HEARTED.
This is a perfect way to prepare for the role!!

HUH ...?
REALLY ...?
HAYATO HONJOU...
YOU'RE QUITE FORMID-ABLE!!
FOR NOW...
THE BACKSTORY HAS ME WORKING HERE AS HAYATO'S ATTENDANT LONGER THAN THEM, RIGHT?
SO BASI-CALLY...
The sister-in-law of sorts
I'LL BE DOING STUFF LIKE THIS!!!
LOOK AT THIS...
THERE'S STILL DUST HERE.
Whew!
Slide

PLUS, I GUESS ALL OF THEM LIKE HAYATO.
Going by the track story
SO THEN ...
SIR,
Pat
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO EAT TONIGHT?
I'm the one who's closest to him.
?

I CAN HANDLE IT!!
I'LL PREPARE ANYTHING YOU WANT!
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO EAT, SIR!?
THERE'S A PRETTY STREAM IN THE BACKYARD.
I'D LOVE IT IF THERE ARE SOME SALMON,
AND SINCE WE'RE IN THE MOUNTAINS THERE ARE WILD VEGE TABLES...
I can't swim
Was this audition like that!!?
WHY AREN'T THEY USING ANY TOOLS!!?

I GOT ONE !!
I DID, TOO !!
... HEH!
DO YOU THINK FISH OF THAT SIZE
COULD ADORN THE YOUNG MASTER'S DINING TABLE?
ドキ
ドキ

LIKE HELL I'M GONNA LOSE!!
AHH MAN, SERI-OUSLY,
WHAT IS THIS?
THIS IS SO RIDICU-LOUS.
I DON'T GET WHAT THIS HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH A "TAISHOU ROMANCE".
D... DIREC-TOR, WHAT'S WITH THIS PICTURE !!?
WOW, THIS IS SO INTERESTING!! SHOOT ALL OF IT FOR LATER!!
THIS IS DEFINITELY HAYATO'S FAULT.
Because he mentioned salmon.

BUT FOR SOME REASON,
IT'S REALLY FUN
TO EMBODY A ROLE
Nina's soaked
Drenched
AND CREATE THAT WORLD WITH EVERYONE TOGETHER.
No one expected something like that!!
SHAKE
SHAKE
Did the heroine even take that into consideration so the hero doesn't find out she's a girl?
Ah! Even if I'm wet, my chest doesn't show through the vest.
Isn't that a curtain?
We'll make a net!!

THERE SHE IS.
THAT'S THE MAO I FELL IN LOVE WITH
WHO ONLY EVER FACES FORWARD.

DID YOU SEE THAT, HAYATO?
THIS IS THE MAO YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH, RIGHT...?
HE'S GONE!
HEY, WHERE'S HAYA...UM, THE YOUNG MASTER?
HUH?
I I WAS ONLY LOOKING AT THE FISH...
WH...
WHERE DID HE GO...?

...THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT, BUT I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT WILD VEGETABLES...
ALL OF THEM ARE CATCHING FISH,
SO IF I GO PICK SOME WILD VEGETABLES, WOULDN'T THE DINING TABLE BE PERFECT?
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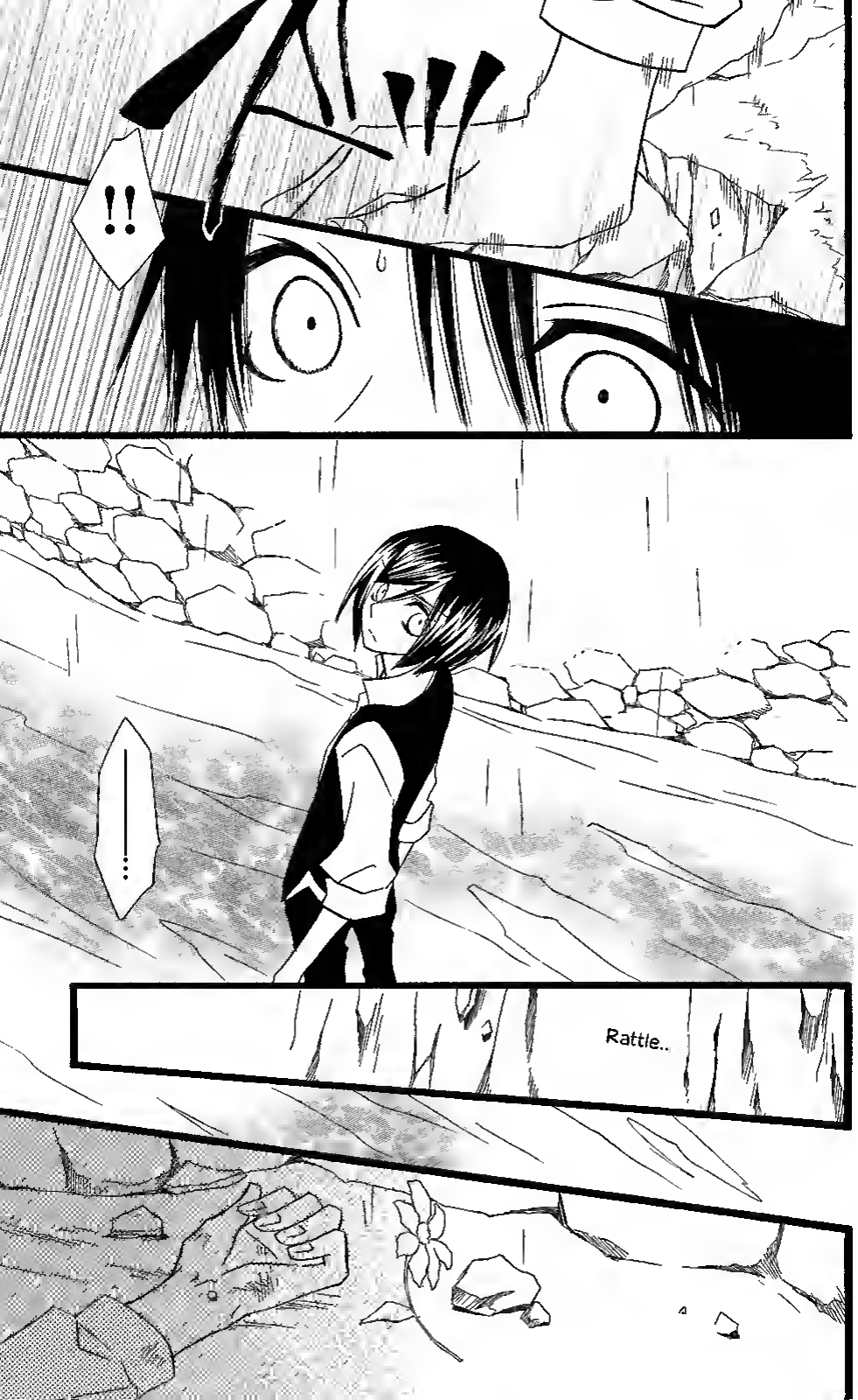
AH,
IT'S RAIN-ING...
JUST A LITTLE MORE ...
HNN...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Rattle..

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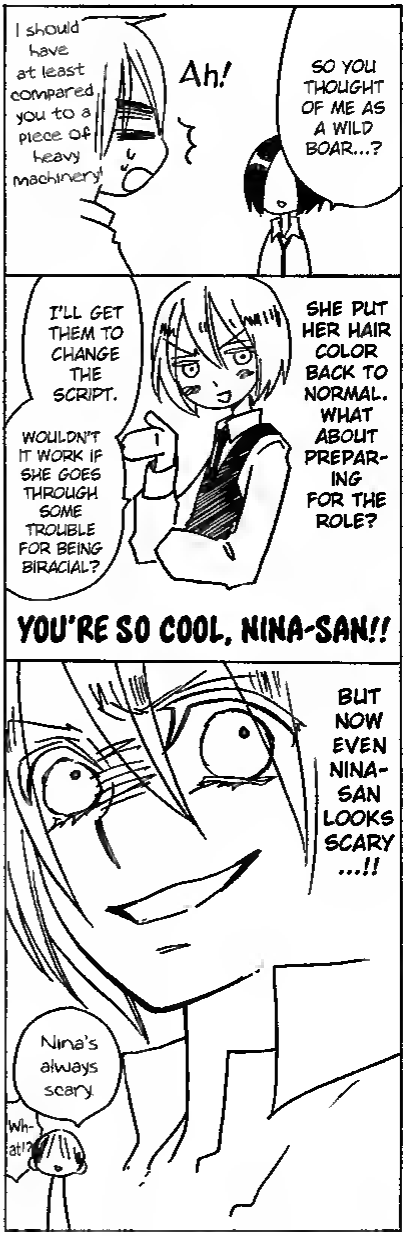
KIDS THESE DAYS SHOULDN'T BE UNDERESTIMATED!!
How robust!!
IT'S A LITTLE ODD FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO CATCH FISH WITH THEIR BARE HANDS.
I got one!
AFTER THAT, THE FOUR OF THEM LANDED A JOB WHERE THEY HAD TO LIVE ON AN UNINHABITED ISLAND.
"HA. HAYATO!! WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM!?"
Moved to tears
SHE'S SUCH A NICE GIRL...
AND I'M THANKFUL FOR MY FRIEND GIVING ME A SINCERE REACTION TO THE CLIFF-HANGER.


I should have at least compared you to a piece of heavy machinery!
Ah!
SO YOU THOUGHT OF ME AS A WILD BOAR...?
I'LL GET THEM TO CHANGE THE SCRIPT.
WOULDN'T IT WORK IF SHE GOES THROUGH SOME TROUBLE FOR BEING BIRACIAL?
SHE PUT HER HAIR COLOR BACK TO NORMAL. WHAT ABOUT PREPARING FOR THE ROLE?
YOU'RE SO COOL, NINA-SAN!!
BUT NOW EVEN NINA-SAN LOOKS SCARY ...!!
Nina's always scary.
Wh-at!?

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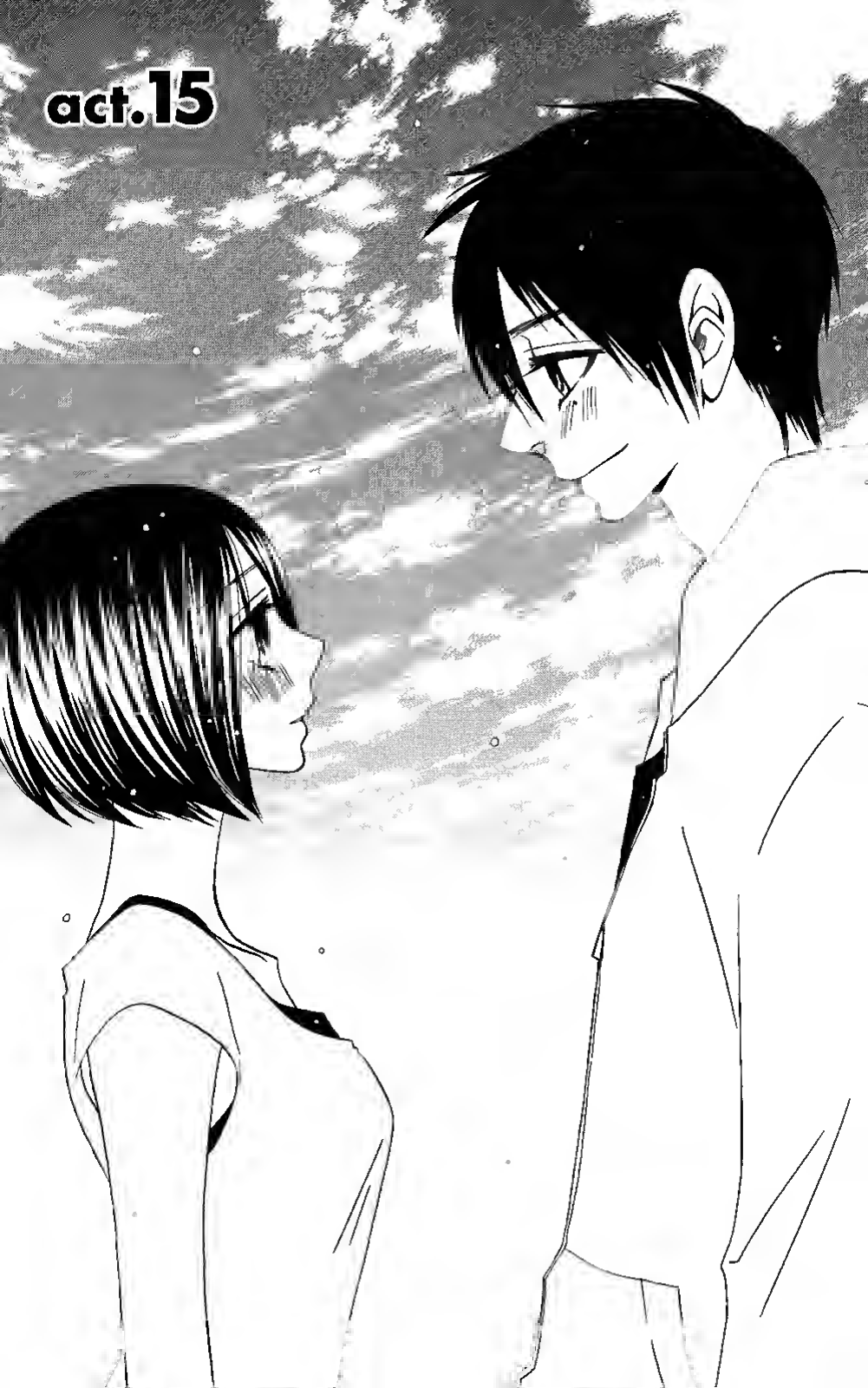
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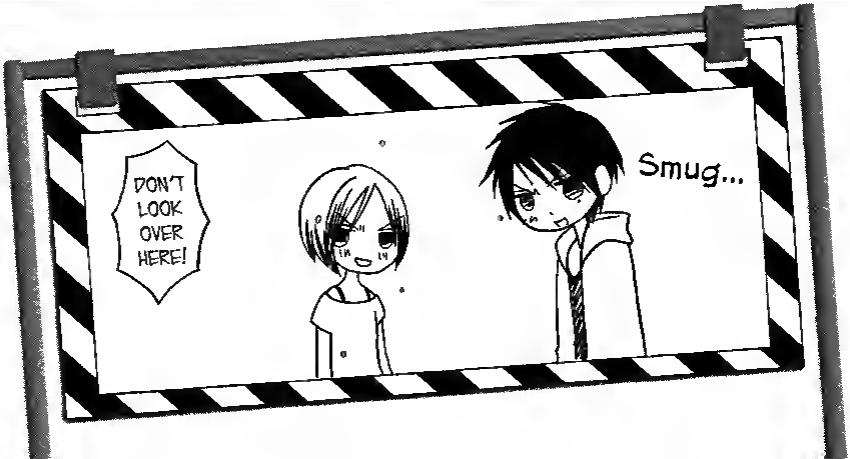
DID YOU FIND HIM?
HE'S NOT OVER HERE.
HAYATO'S GONE MISSING.


DON'T LOOK OVER HERE!
Smug...

HEY! AREN'T YOU HIS MANAGER?
YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE HE WENT!?
DON'T ASK THE IMPOSSIBLE. WE'RE AT AN INN OUT HERE IN THE MOUNTAINS.
.....!
SERIOUSLY, WHERE IS HE...?
ナア...

I DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING!!
I FELL DOWN!!
WHA !!?
OW...
IT DOESN'T SEEM BROKEN, THOUGH.
HUH?
DID I TWIST MY ANKLE?

EITHER WAY,
I GUESS I CAN'T CLIMB UP THIS...
BUT IT'S OKAY.
Rummage
I'LL GO LOOK FOR HIM!!

SO WHAT!?
HUH!? MAO!?
DON'T BE CRAZY! YOU HAVE A REALLY POOR SENSE OF DIRECTION!!
IS THAT A REASON FOR NOT GOING TO LOOK FOR HIM!?
BUZZ
BUZZ
OF COURSE!! DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SECONDARY DISASTERS!!?
!
AH!
HAYATO !?

I SEE... WELL, I'M GLAD YOU'RE OKAY.
I'LL COME GET YOU, SO DON'T MOVE!
HUH? YOU GOT HURT FROM FALLING DOWN!?
WHERE ARE...
Y-YEAH,
HE CAN USE THE GPS ON HIS PHONE...
DO YOU KNOW!?
WHERE IS HE!?
THEN LET'S GO GET HIM RIGHT AWAY!!

THE ROAD...
DID THE RAIN DO THIS?
IT'S THIS WAY, RIGHT?
YES.
IS THERE A DETOUR...?
I DON'T THINK SO...
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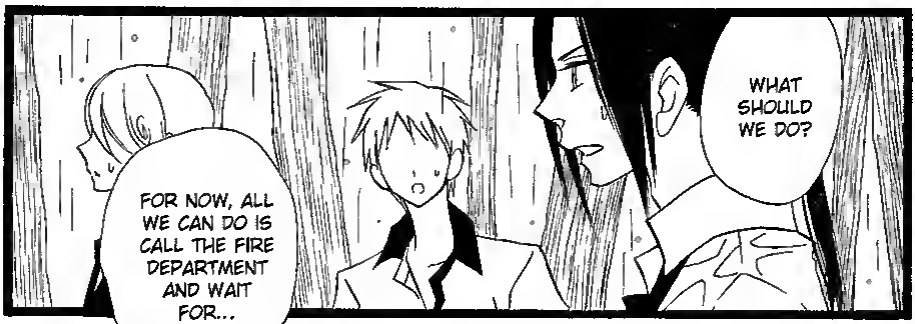
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
FOR NOW, ALL WE CAN DO IS CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND WAIT FOR...

HM?
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING !!!?
Even though she shouldn't be doing it...
HOW DOES SHE KNOW HOW TO DRIVE THAT...?
SH-SHE'S USED TO IT, FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH...
WHOA! A BULL-DOZER!?
WHERE'D SHE GET THAT...?
Ah!
COME TO THINK OF IT, NO ONE KNOWS WE'RE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.
ARE YOU FREINDS WITH THAT GIRL?
?

Crunch
OHH! SHE CLEARED THE ROAD...
Jump

SHE'S FLYING
LIKE ALWAYS
AHEAD OF ME.
BUT EVEN SO, SHE RUNS STRAIGHT FORWARD
AND ALSO HAVE A POOR SENSE OF TASTE,
SHE MAY HAVE A POOR SENSE OF DIRECTION, BE BAD AT SPORTS,

WHOLE-HEARTEDLY.

NO,
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FOLLOW AFTER HER!?
WAIT,
HUH?
ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING BACK.

IT'S OKAY.
...MAO,

YOU'RE GONNA CATCH A COLD.
GO FOR IT.
...
Ah-choo!
Splash
!
IS HE DOWN THERE ...?
HIS JACKET.

Drenched..
HMM...
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO KEEP THE RAIN OFF ME,
ALTHOUGH IT FEELS GOOD.
BUT WHEN IT RAINS,
IT REMINDS ME...OF BACK THEN.
Rattle...
AH! CRAP, I HEAR SOME-THING.
IS IT GONNA COLLAPSE OVER HERE, TOO?

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EH!?
HUH!?
ぐぅ…

A-
ARE YOU OKAY!?
ARE YOU HURT!?
AH!
It's dangerous
AHHHH...
IT'S NOT GONNA HELP IF YOU FALL DOWN HERE, TOO.
BE-SIDES,
GOOD POINT...
ARE YOU OKAY? DID YOU GET HURT?
My leg hurts a little so sorry about my knee being up like this.
ACTUALLY, I SHOULD BE ASKING YOU THAT...
AHHH, YOU'RE COVERED IN MUD.

BUT,
!!
I WAS DESPER-ATE...
...HEY,
YOU'RE THE GIRL
FROM BACK THEN... RIGHT?

AH,
UH,
UM...
AND HE REALIZED IT'S ME.
WHEN I WENT TO THAT ONE PREFECTURE TO DO A SHOOT,
YOU WERE PRACTICING HOW TO DO A BACK HIP CIRCLE!
HE REMEMBERS,
I
I'VE WANTED TO SEE YOU THIS WHOLE TIME
AND THANK YOU.
BECAUSE I MET YOU BACK THEN
I CAN GET JOBS LIKE THIS NOW.
AND I CAN KEEP WORKING HARD,
BUT DESPITE THAT,

...YOU
SAVED ME AGAIN...
...THE ONE SAVED BACK THEN
WAS ME.

I WANTED TO BE IN THE SAME WORLD AS YOU,
SO I ENDED UP CHASING AFTER YOU TO A PLACE LIKE THIS LIKE SOME STALKER...
...AND THE ONE WHO WANTED US TO MEET
WAS ME, TOO.
I WANTED TO BE SOMEONE FROM THE SAME WORLD AS YOU
THAT YOU'D BE ROMANTICALLY INTERESTED IN ..
SO,
IF POSSIBLE, INSTEAD OF "THAT GIRL FROM BACK THEN",
I FELL IN LOVE WITH
WHO YOU WERE BACK THEN,
WHY?
AND I STILL FEEL
YOU'VE COME TO SAVE ME LIKE THIS,
AND EVEN NOW,

SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO...
HE'S ALWAYS HAD FEELINGS FOR ME...AND HAS BEEN BY MY SIDE IN THE SAME WORLD,
...BUT,
WHO'S "HE"...?
.....
RYOUMA ...
"SHUT THE HELL UP!!"
"IS SHE YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND!? DO YOU LIKE HER!? YOU LIKE HER, RIGHT!!?"
AH...!
HM?
BY THE WAY...
HEY...

DO YOU THINK
IT'D BE OKAY IF I SAID I'M GONNA BACK OUT OF LEAVING THIS WORLD?
OH?
IT'S JUST...
TODAY WAS KIND OF FUN...
SO I WANT TO TRY
A LITTLE HARDER AT IT, I GUESS...
IS THE CHILDHOOD FRIEND RYOUMA-KUN LIKES...

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AT ANY RATE, CONGRATS!!
This was pointless.
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DID YOU THINK I DIED?
I WAS ALIVE!
Everyone probably knew
Huh?
I'm not gonna draw one here!! It'd be too much of a pain!! Besides, I hate scenery where you'd use heavy machinery!
AND I DREW A BULLDOZER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE.
AND THEY HOOKED UP WITHOUT PARTICULARLY GOING THROUGH ANY HARDSHIPS!!
IT'S NOT LIKE THERE WEREN'T ANY HARDSHIPS... PROBABLY...

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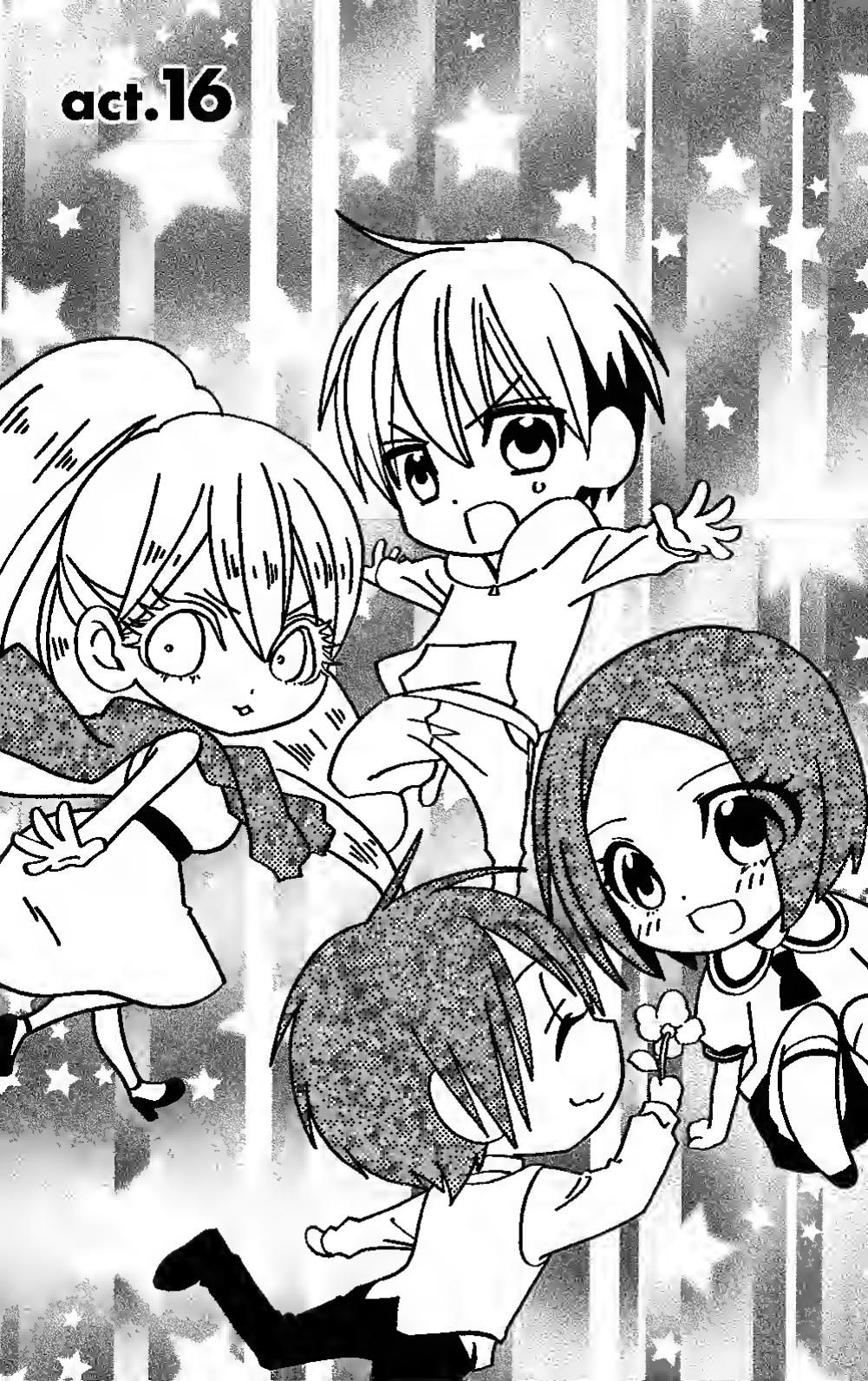


GUYS!
SHE FOUND HAYATO-KUN!
!
THANK GOOD-NESS...
SO HE WAS OKAY.
AHH...

Meh?
?
Even though I tried to write a love triangle, it turned into a square. Meh

AHH,
IT WORKED OUT
BETWEEN THEM.

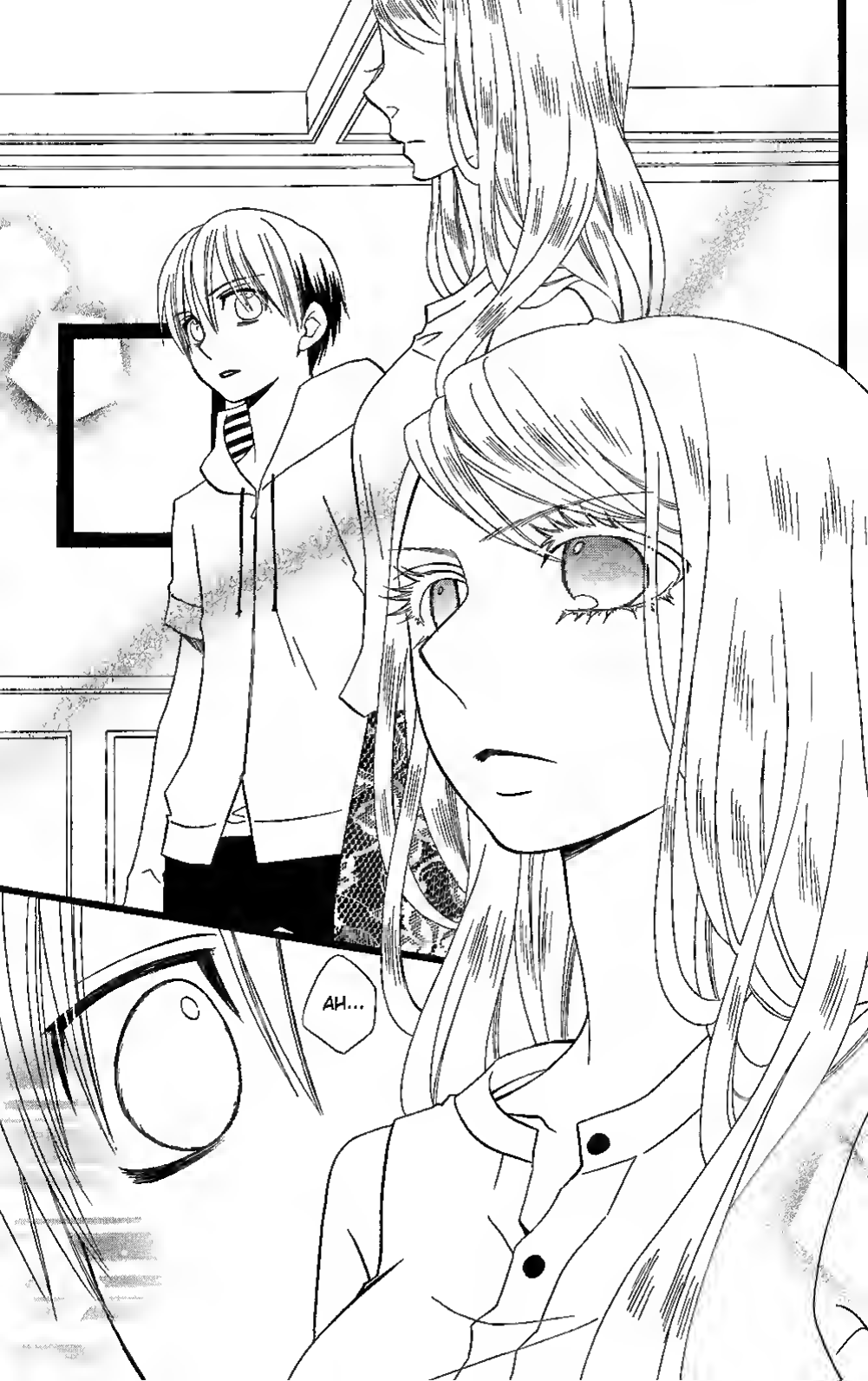
THAT'S GOOD...
HUH?
SO CAN WE MEET UP LATER?
RYOUMA-KUN,
WE HAVE TO TALK,
WH...

WHAAAT !??
I GUESS WE'LL BE ALONE HERE.
UMM, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT..?
YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND YOU LIKE WAS MAO-CHAN, RIGHT?
HE...
AH...!
.....
HE KNOWS ABOUT THAT, TOO!!!?

I'M SORRY.
I SAID SOMETHING LIKE THAT BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW...
"WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU AND I LIKED THE SAME GIRL!?"
"...I'D HELP YOU OUT."
ALTHOUGH IT WAS TO PREPARE FOR A ROLE, I CAN SEE WHY YOU'D GET MAD.
I'M GONNA TAKE BACK
WHAT I SAID BACK THEN.
IF WE LIKE THE SAME GIRL,
I CAN'T HAND HER OVER TO YOU.
NOW I FEEL THAT I WANT US TO FIGHT FAIR AND SQUARE.
WH...

WH-
WHOA,
WHAT DO YOU MEAN FIGHT?
Ah, ow.
WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT!
YOU TWO ALREADY HOOKED UP, RIGHT!?
REALLY,
FROM THE HEART,
I HONESTLY FEEL
HAPPY FOR YOU TWO.
I CAN'T FEEL ANY OTHER WAY ABOUT IT.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, RYOUMA-KUN!? DON'T HOLD BACK FOR ME!
YOU'RE GONNA MAKE ME MAD!
HUH !?
So you make faces like that!!

AND I DON'T WANT YOU TO JUST BEAR IT AND GIVE UP!
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT GOT MAD WHEN I SAID I'D HELP YOU OUT, RYOUMA-KUN!
WH...
WHOOOOA! WHAT A PAIN!!
It's good to do it fair and straight-forward!!
SO LET'S FIGHT FAIR AND SQUARE!
CUT IT OUT ALREADY, YOU TWO!
WHAT AM I GONNA DO...?
THEY'RE GIVING ME REALLY STRAIGHT-FORWARD LOOKS...
What does he mean, fight...?


AH...

NINA...
THIS GUY IS ALREADY IN MY SIGHTS,
AND I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF WINNING HIM OVER.
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU TWO ANYMORE,
SO DON'T JUST RUSH IN HERE
AND DO SOMETHING THOUGHTLESS LIKE PITY HIM, OKAY?

REALLY, RYOUMA-KUN?
H...
HUH?

YEAH.
THAT'S RIGHT.
I HAVE TO DEAL WITH HER NOW, SO I'VE GOT MY HANDS FULL!
I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO GO AT IT WITH YOU GUYS.
I-I-I-I-I'M SORRY...
WHY ARE YOU SPEAKING DOWN TO ME...!?

A...
ANYWAY,
THAT'S HOW IT IS, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME.
YOU GUYS SHOULD JUST FOCUS ON BEING HAPPY TOGETHER.
WH...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING!!?
HUH!? REALLY?
YOU JUST TOLD ME THE OTHER DAY THAT YOU'VE ALWAYS LIKED ME!!
AND THAT WAS FOR 16 YEARS!!
DO YOU KNOW HOW TOUGH THAT WAS FOR ME!? I WASN'T MYSELF!!

SO YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT YOU HAD A CHANGE OF HEART IN THAT SHORT PERIOD OF TIME!?
YEP.
YOU'RE SO SHAME-LESS!!
SHUT UP, YOU MORON!
Not even a little bit!!
NOPE.
YOU DON'T EVEN LIKE ME THAT WAY, RIGHT!!
Well, I like you as a child-hood friend.
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT!!
AND YOU REPLIED INSTANT-LY!!
Heh!
Ha!

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO ME IS THAT YOU'RE HAPPY.
SO,
REALLY,
OKAY...
.....
!
AH, I FOR-GOT.
YOU CAN HAVE THIS BACK.
GET REAL!
THIS TAG... WAS RYOUMA-KUN THE ONE I MET BACK THEN!?
YOU GUYS MET WITHOUT USING A TOKEN LIKE THIS,
HAYATO H. FAN CLUB NO. 0000
SO YOU'RE THE REAL DEAL.

TAKE CARE
OF MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND.
.....
I WILL...
DON'T BE RIDICU-LOUS!
I'M THE ONE WHO'S GONNA MAKE HIM HAPPY!

HAAA...
IF YOU HADN'T BEEN THERE, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUT THAT SITUATION TO REST AT ALL.
WELL, THANKS, NINA.
AND YOU EVEN DID AN ACT LIKE THAT...
I WASN'T ACTING.
HUH...?
YOU ALREADY KNOW, RIGHT?

I'LL SPELL IT OUT FOR YOU!
I DON'T KNOW WHY,
BUT I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH A GUY LIKE YOU.
SO YOU'RE MINE NOW!!

AND WHAT I SAID BEFORE WASN'T AN ACT. THAT'S HOW I REALLY FEEL,
...I'M SURE
THAT I'LL FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU,
BUT NO TIME HAS PASSED SINCE I WAS IN LOVE WITH MAO,
AND I WANT TO WORK HARD ON THE WORK I'LL BE GETTING FROM NOW ON, TOO.
I DON'T EVEN HAVE A TRACK RECORD THAT COULD COMPARE TO STUFF YOU'VE DONE.
I DON'T WANT
TO DO STUFF HALFWAY LIKE THAT ANYMORE.

HM?
MMPF...
SO FROM NOW ON, I'M GONNA WORK HARD,
AND EVEN IF IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO SURPASS YOU...I COULD AT LEAST GET UP TO YOUR LEVEL,
SO ONCE I CAN SAY I LOVE YOU WITH CONFIDENCE,
I'LL COME SEE YOU, SO...

AH...!
.....!
DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA.
Y-YOU...
I SAID
THAT YOU'RE MINE NOW.
I WASN'T ASKING YOUR OPINION!

SORTING OUT YOUR FEELINGS? YOUR PRIDE AS A MAN?
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THOSE THINGS. DO YOU THINK I'D LET YOU GO BECAUSE OF STUFF LIKE THAT?
EVEN IF YOU FEEL FRUSTRATED WHILE YOU'RE WITH ME, JUST GET THE BETTER OF IT!
I DON'T NEED A GUY WHO'D BREAK DOWN FROM SOMETHING LIKE THAT, AT ANY RATE.

I REALLY CAN'T COMPETE WITH YOU.
YOU'RE SO COOL!
Buha!
OH MAN!
WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?

JUST GO SEE HIM!
HOW SHOULD I FACE HIM..?
AHHH... UHHH... UWEEH...
FOR NOW, GO TELL THAT CURLY MANAGER THAT YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND ABOUT QUITTING.
MY REAL LIFE IN SHOWBIZ
STARTS FROM HERE ON OUT.

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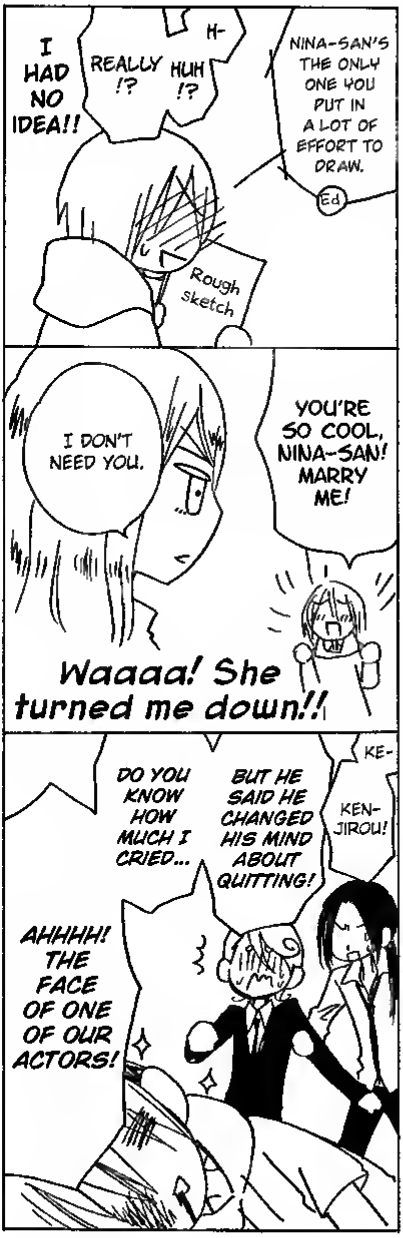
I HAD NO IDEA!!
REALLY !?
H- HUH !?
NINA-SAN'S THE ONLY ONE YOU PUT IN A LOT OF EFFORT TO DRAW.
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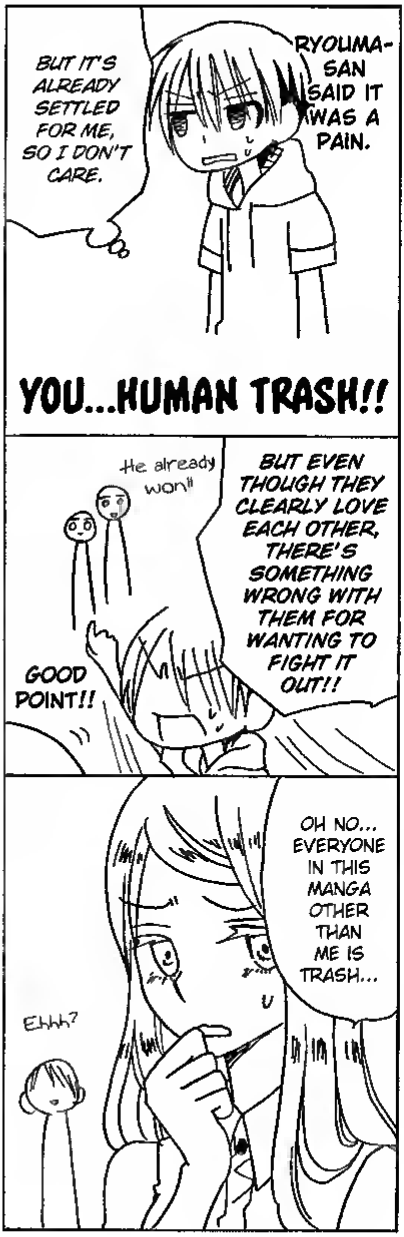
Rough sketch
I DON'T NEED YOU.
YOU'RE SO COOL, NINA-SAN! MARRY ME!
Waaaa! She turned me down!!
DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I CRIED...
BUT HE SAID HE CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT QUITTING!
KE-
KEN-JIROU!
AHHHH! THE FACE OF ONE OF OUR ACTORS!


BUT IT'S ALREADY SETTLED FOR ME, SO I DON'T CARE.
RYOUMA-SAN SAID IT WAS A PAIN.
YOU...HUMAN TRASH!!
He already won!!
BUT EVEN THOUGH THEY CLEARLY LOVE EACH OTHER, THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THEM FOR WANTING TO FIGHT IT OUT!!
GOOD POINT!!
OH NO... EVERYONE IN THIS MANGA OTHER THAN ME IS TRASH...
Ehhh?

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...IN THE MORNING,
Chirp
Chirp
Fwaaa...
I WAKE UP WITH THE SOUNDS OF CHIRPING BIRDS,
SLIP OUT OF MY FAVORITE BED,
AND TAKE A SHOWER.
AFTER I SPREAD ON SOME BODY CREAM WITH A SCENT THAT MATCHES MY MOOD THAT DAY,
I WARM UP THE SPECIAL CROISSANT I BOUGHT YESTERDAY,

TAKING MY BREAKFAST ON THE VERANDA.
AND I HAVE A CAFE AU LAIT WITH PLENTY OF MILK,
DOING STUFF LIKE THAT MAKES ME...
SO ELEGANT...!!!
ACTRESS NINA KATSURAGI'S
Full Dozen EXTRA
First-rate Ristorantes
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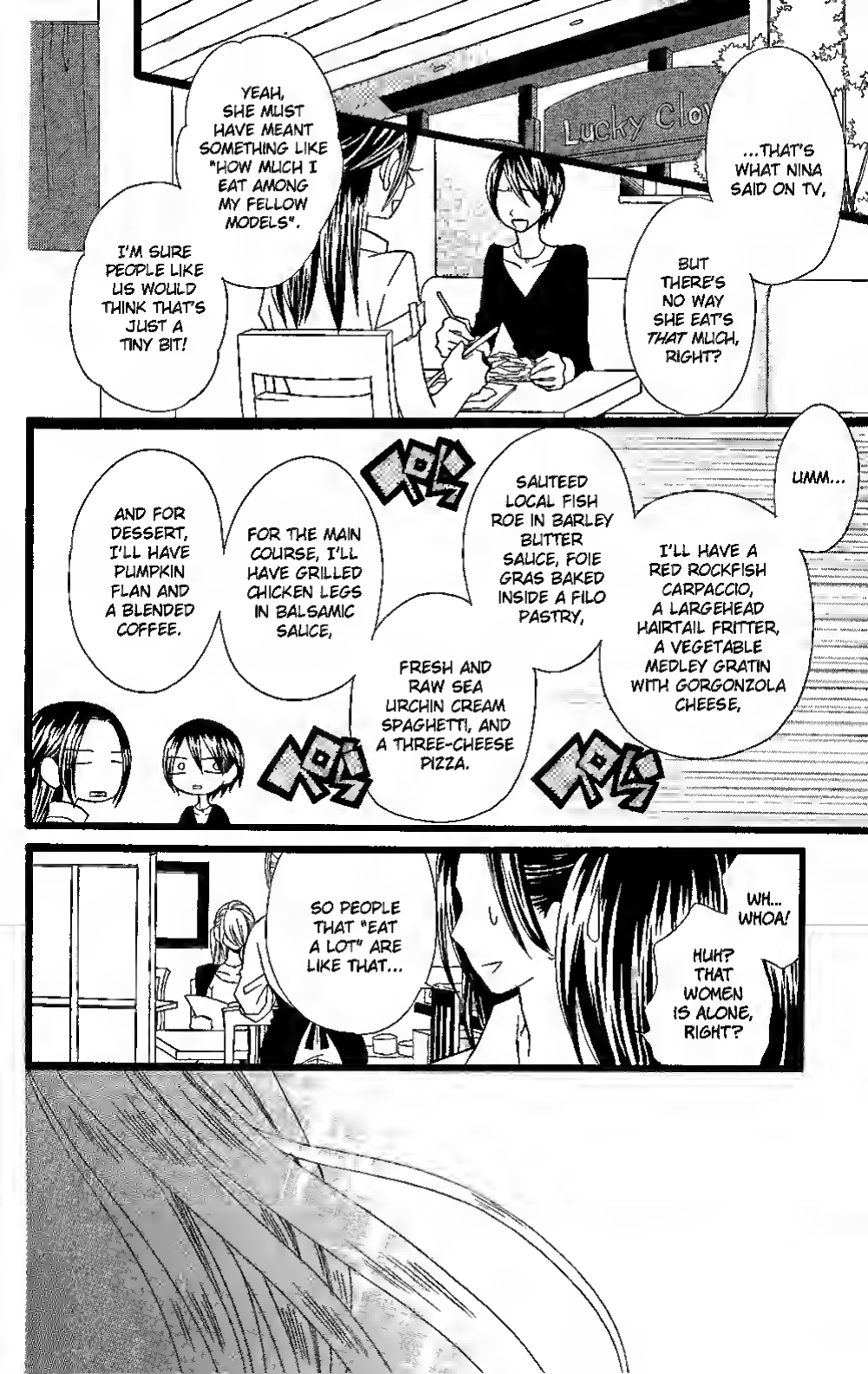
GIRLS ALWAYS
LONG TO LIVE ELEGANTLY.
YES,
MY HOBBY IS EATING.
AFTER WORKING HARD,
THE THING I LOOK MOST FORWARD TO IS GOING OUT TO EAT SOMETHING DELICIOUS.
BUT I END UP REALLY EATING A LOT,
SO I HAVE SUCH A TOUGH TIME MAINTAINING MY FIGURE.
OH WOW! YOU DON'T SAY! BUT YOU HAVE SUCH A LOVELY FIGURE ALREADY!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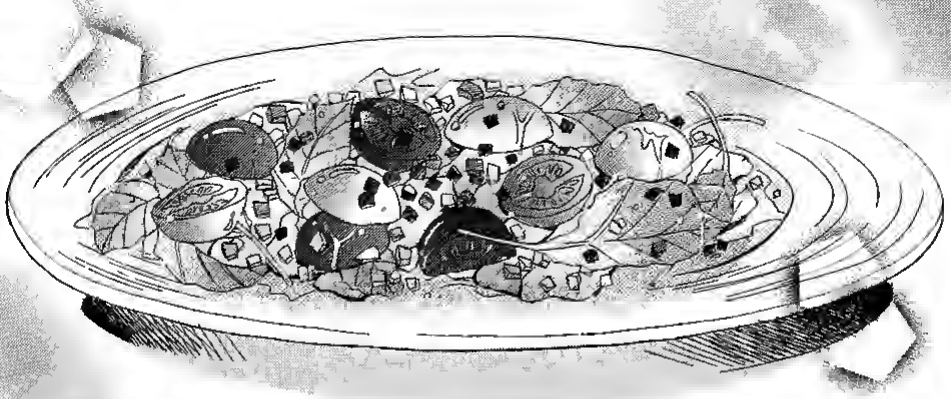
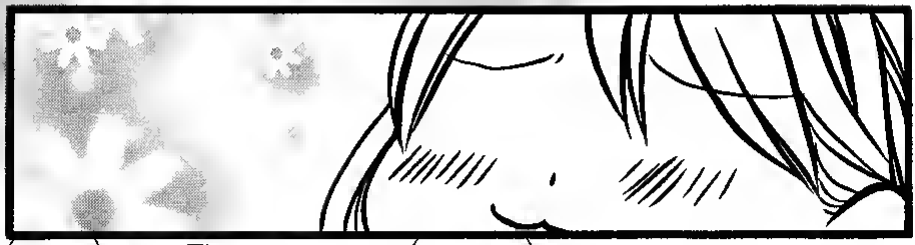
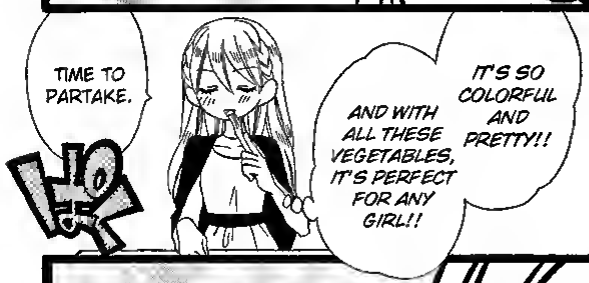
...THAT'S WHAT NINA SAID ON TV,
BUT THERE'S NO WAY SHE EAT'S THAT MUCH, RIGHT?
YEAH, SHE MUST HAVE MEANT SOMETHING LIKE "HOW MUCH I EAT AMONG MY FELLOW MODELS".
I'M SURE PEOPLE LIKE US WOULD THINK THAT'S JUST A TINY BIT!
UMM...
I'LL HAVE A RED ROCKFISH CARPACCIO, A LARGEHEAD HAIRTAIL FRITTER, A VEGETABLE MEDLEY GRATIN WITH GORGONZOLA CHEESE,
SAUTEED LOCAL FISH ROE IN BARLEY BUTTER SAUCE, FOIE GRAS BAKED INSIDE A FILO PASTRY,
FRESH AND RAW SEA URCHIN CREAM SPAGHETTI, AND A THREE-CHEESE PIZZA.
FOR THE MAIN COURSE, I'LL HAVE GRILLED CHICKEN LEGS IN BALSAMIC SAUCE,
AND FOR DESSERT, I'LL HAVE PUMPKIN FLAN AND A BLENDED COFFEE.
WH... WHOA!
HUH? THAT WOMEN IS ALONE, RIGHT?
SO PEOPLE THAT "EAT A LOT" ARE LIKE THAT...

NINA KATSU-RAGI !!?
EH HEH... I ALWAYS WANTED TO COME HERE...
WHOA! OH MY GOSH! SHE'S SO THIN AND CUTE!
HUH!? NO WAY! IS THAT REALLY HER!?
FAINT LIGHTING WITH GENTLE JAZZ,
A LOVELY ITALIAN RESTAURANT.

AND SITTING HERE AS IF THIS PLACE WAS MADE FOR ME IN ALL MY ELEGANCE ...!!
SHE'S SO SUITED TO THIS RESTAU-RANT...!!
WOW! SHE'S SO PICTUR-ESQUE...
IS SHE OKAY?
ISN'T SHE SORT OF SHAKING?
SAY MORE! MORE!
THANK YOU FOR WAITING.
HERE IS YOUR RED ROCKFISH CARPACCIO.
JUST ORDER A TON OF FOOD?
BESIDES, DIDN'T SHE...
Ah!

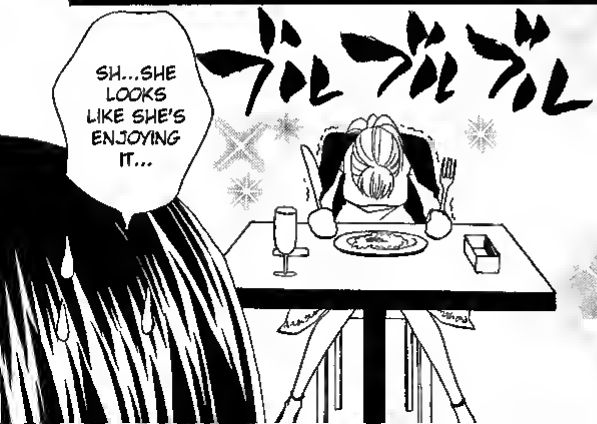






CARPACCIO IS THE FANCY WAY OF EATING RAW FISH.

CARPACCIO! CARPACCIO!



OH MY GOSH!! WHAT'S THIS TASTINESS!!? IT'S TOTALLY SPOT ON!! THE FISH IS SO SPRINGY AND TENDER!! AND THE TOMATO!! THE TOMATO IS SO SWEET!! WHAT IS THIS!? FRUIT!? IS THERE FRUIT IN THIS!?

HERE IS YOUR LARGEHEAD HAIRTAIL FRITTER.
Slice
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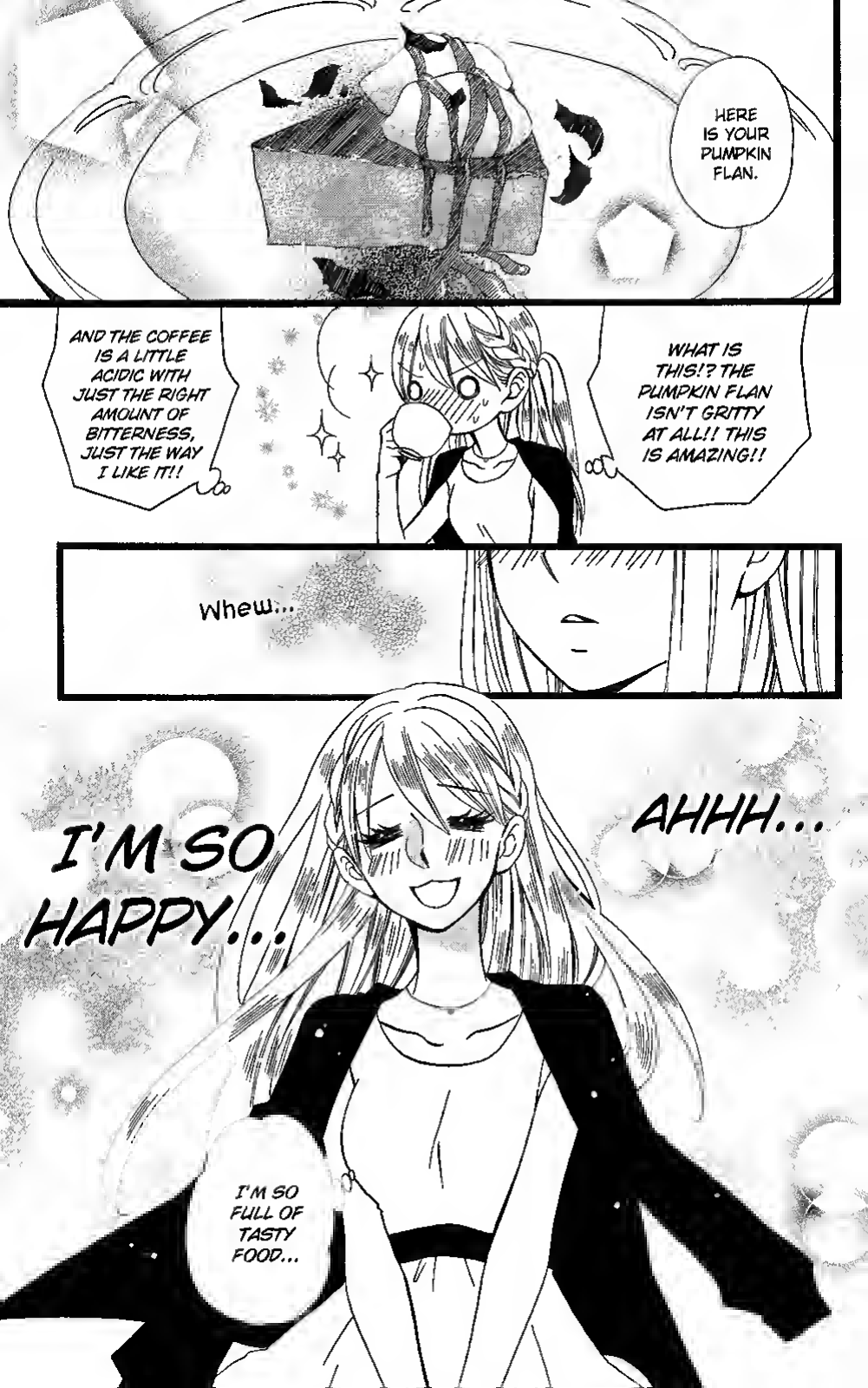
WHOA!! WHAT'S THIS FLUFFY FEELING WHEN I CUT INTO IT!!!?
THERE WAS STEAM OF HAPPINESS LOCKED IN THIS, RIGHT!?
JUST FOR ME!! IT'S JUST TO MAKE ME HAPPY!!!
WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO ME WHEN I PUT THIS IN MY MOUTH!!?
hah

AHH...
EVEN THOUGH IT ONLY TASTES SALTY, WHAT IS THIS DELICIOUSNESS!?
IT'S FAR AND AWAY FLUFFIER THAN IT LOOKS OR I EVEN IMAGINED!!!
.....!
MY ESOPHAGUS IS IN HEAVEN!!!
THIS SIMMER!!! AND ALL THESE COLORFUL VEGETABLES!! THIS IS SO GIRLY!!
HERE IS YOUR VEGETABLE MEDLEY GRATIN WITH GORGONZOLA CHEESE.
Melty...
I'M A LITTLE BAD WITH GORGONZOLA, BUT...

GORGONZOLA!!!
NO MATTER WHERE WE MAY MEET FROM NOW ON, I'LL BE ABLE TO FIND WHAT MAKES YOU SO GOOD,
IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW TRULY NICE THINGS...
THAT'S RIGHT.
IN FACT, THAT'S WHAT'S SO GOOD!!
WH...WHAT IS THIS? IT DOESN'T SMELL BAD AT ALL...
HERE IS YOUR FISH ROE BUTTER SAUTE.
!!?
THE SKILL OF THE CHEF HAS MADE IT THIS DELICIOUS...
PUFFERFISH ISN'T HIGH-CLASS, BUT EVEN IF IT'S JUST LOCAL FISH ROE,
THIS IS THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT I JUST HAD.
IT'S SO STICKY AND GOOEY!

BALSAMIC !!! THEY DID A GOOD JOB HIDING IT!!!
IT'S PLAYING A NICE ROLE!
UM...IS THERE SOME SOY SAUCE OR SOMETHING IN THIS?
BUT IT FEELS LIKE THERE'S MORE...
AND THEN THERE'S THE DEFINITE TASTI-NESS OF THE BARLEY BUTTER!!
AH, WELL, THERE'S A LITTLE BALSAMIC IN IT.
HERE IS YOUR FOIE GRAS BAKED INSIDE A FILO PASTRY.
TODAY IT COMES WITH CREAMED CORN SAUCE.
I'LL CHERISH EVERY BITE.
THANK YOU, GOOSE...
Slice
I THINK FOIE GRAS IS THE ULTIMATE DELICACY SOUGHT OUT BY HUMANITY...
JUST KID-DING! ♡
BESIDES, THIS SAUCE IS SO YUMMY!!
IS THAT BECAUSE GIRLS ARE ALWAYS WISHING TO BE WRAPPED UP...?
MMMMM! ♡
AND GIRLS LOVE PIE WRAPS.

HERE IS YOUR FRESH AND RAW SEA URCHIN PASTA.
THIS IS SO CREAMY! AND THOSE ARE CHIVES!! WHAT NICE WORK!!
And the plate's so cute, too!!
HERE IS YOUR THREE-CHEESE PIZZA.
THE CHEESE IS GOOD TOO, BUT THE CRUST!! THE CRUST IS AMAZINGLY TASTY!!!
HERE ARE YOUR GRILLED CHICKEN LEGS IN BALSAMIC SAUCE.
THE SKIN!! THE SKIN IS SO CRISPY!!
IF I WAS A CHICKEN... I'D WANT TO DIE BY BEING PREPARED INTO A MEAL LIKE THIS...
I CAN FEEL THE LOVE TOWARDS THE INGREDIENTS.
IT MUST BE SURPRISINGLY TOUGH TO BOIL DOWN THE BALSAMIC TO THIS DEGREE...
THE MEAT IS SO JUICY AND SOFT.


HERE IS YOUR PUMPKIN FLAN.
WHAT IS THIS!? THE PUMPKIN FLAN ISN'T GRITTY AT ALL!! THIS IS AMAZING!!
AND THE COFFEE IS A LITTLE ACIDIC WITH JUST THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF BITTERNESS, JUST THE WAY I LIKE IT!!
Whew...
I'M SO HAPPY...
AHHH...
I'M SO FULL OF TASTY FOOD...

THE TRUTH IS,
IF I CAME HERE WITH HIM,
HE'S NOT THE TYPE OF GUY WHO CAN ESCORT A WOMAN TO A PLACE LIKE THIS.
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BUT THAT'D NEVER HAPPEN.
THERE'S JUST NO WAY.
I'D BE EVEN HAPPIER...
YEAH...
NINA ATE A TON OF FOOD...
CHECK PLEASE.

THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY!!
Here.
THAT WILL BE 14,000 YEN, PLEASE.
EVERYTHING I MANAGE WITH CARE IS WORTH THAT MUCH...
What the!? All by herself!?
AND THAT WAS IN ONE SITTING! HAHA! SHE ATE WAY TOO MUCH BY HERSELF!!
She's killing me!
THIS PLACE ISN'T THAT EXPENSIVE...
EHHH... SHE DIDN'T ORDER ANY WINE OR ANYTHING, RIGHT?
I don't think it's a lot of money.
AND I'M HAPPY TO PAY FOR IT...
Thank you very much!
IF IT'S TRUE THAT SHE WASN'T LYING ABOUT GAINING WEIGHT EASILY, HOW DOES SHE DO THAT..?
WELL, IF SHE ATE ALL THAT...
BESIDES, DID YOU NOTICE THAT NINA'S STOMACH WASN'T SHOWING AT ALL?

HMPH!
HNG!
SO I TAKE CARE OF MYSELF, TOO.
I'M NOT GONNA HOLD BACK ON THINGS I LIKE, AND I'M GONNA MAINTAIN MY BEAUTY, TOO...
Hmph!
SO I DON'T PLAN ON LOOKING LAZY.
MY ONE AND ONLY BODY IS HOW I EARN MONEY,
THAT'S WHAT MAKES ME...
SO ELE-GANT !!!

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AHH... THIS FEELS SO GOOD.
I HAVE A PROFESSIONAL JOB THAT TAKES THE AUDIENCE INTO ACCOUNT,
AND TAKING THAT ON
IS SUCH AN INDULGENT PERIOD OF TIME!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IT'S LOVELY, THANKS.
"FIRST-RATE RISTORANTES"
CH. 2

Open
THIS IS SO WORTH IT...
NINA KATSURAGI IS SO BEAUTIFUL!
WOW...
NO MATTER WHEN I SEE HER,
WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?
MY JOB IS TO SHOW MYSELF OFF,

SO I HAVE TO MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY WHEN THEY LOOK AT ME.

GOOD WORK!
THAT WRAPS UP THE SHOOTS IN HAKATA.
Waaaa!
NINA-CHAN, AFTER THIS...
AH! I'M SORRY,
BUT I'VE MADE PLANS.
Ehhh? Awww, does she have a date?
You've got balls to ask her out.
She wouldn't hang out with you
I ATE PRETTY MUCH ALL THE LOCAL SPECIALTIES WITH EVERYONE,
SO I'M GOING OUT BY MYSELF TODAY.
I HAVE THAT RESER-VATION!
I'm so glad the shoot ended right on time!
Got my changed
FOR SERVICE THAT MAKES PEOPLE FEEL WELCOME,
HAKATA
I THINK FRENCH RESTAURANTS ARE THE BEST...!!

AND A HIGHLY TRAINED WAITER...
A CALM ATMOSPHERE,
THIS EXQUISITE FEELING OF DISTANCE FEELS SO GOOD!!
HOW LOVELY ...!!!
What happened?
Heh!
COUPLES THAT WANT TOO MUCH JUST END UP FIGHTING.
DADDY, I WANNA EAT AT THIS PLACE!
WE CAN'T EAT HERE.
YOU CAN'T GET IN IF YOU'RE IN JUNIOR HIGH OR YOUNGER,
I'm wearing sandals.
AND EVEN IF THAT WASN'T THE CASE, I COULDN'T GO IN DRESSED LIKE THIS...
EHHH? WHY NOT?

LITTLE GIRL,
AH! WHOA!
NINA KATSURAGI!?
FOR A PLACE LIKE THIS,
EITHER YOU COME HERE WHEN YOU GROW UP AND CAN PAY FOR IT YOURSELF,
OR COME HERE AFTER YOU MASTER THE POWER OF A WOMAN TO MAKE THE GUY YOU HAVE YOUR EYE ON PAY FOR YOU...!!
OH... OHHHH!
DADDY!! I'LL COME HERE WHEN I CAN LEAD A GUY AROUND BY THE NOSE!!
WH...
WHOA...
UWEH...
ALL RIGHT,
My daughter
THE STAFF AREN'T THE ONLY ONES WHO CREATE THE ATMOSPHERE HERE. THE GUESTS HAVE TO PUT IN A SUITABLE AMOUNT OF EFFORT, TOO.
She came by herself
KIDS SHOULD GO HOME!!

IT'S THAT
IN MY BOOK, AT LEAST.
BUT PROPER FRENCH RESTAURANTS HAVE JUST ONE FLAW...
BESIDES, EVERYTHING LOOKS SO GOOD!!!
I WANT TO HAVE THIS MAIN COURSE, TOO!!
I MEAN, LOOK!! EVEN THOUGH I WANT TO TRY THE HORS D'OEUVRES THAT COME WITH THIS COURSE,
I CAN'T PICK JUST ONE COURSE...!!!
And the menu here changes monthly!!
I want to order all of it!
Kuh...
BUT I'M SURE IT WON'T BE ENOUGH FOR MY STOMACH.
RIGHT AWAY, MISS.
I'LL HAVE THIS.
NATURALLY, I ORDER THE ONE WITH THE MOST VARIETY,
AFTER ALL, FRENCH CUISINE IS ART ITSELF.
HOWEVER, ASKING THEM TO PLEASE ADD MORE TO IT GOES AGAINST MY POLICY...

!!?
I CAME HERE TO EAT A WORK OF ART PREPARED BY THE CHEF, AFTER ALL.
HERE ARE TODAY'S AMUSE-BOUCHES.
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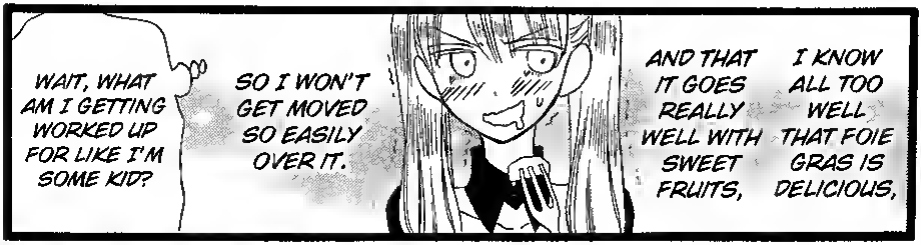
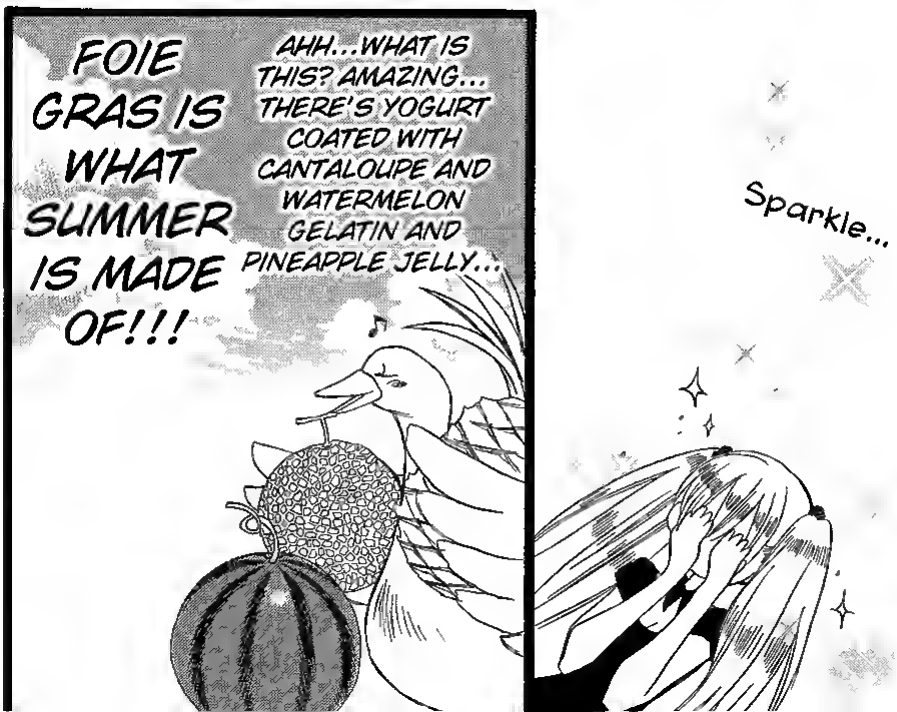
WHAT THE!? THEY BROUGHT OUT SOME STRANGE THINGS!
A ROCK AS A PLATE?
WHY ARE THERE SHELLS AND STARFISH!?
THE CHEF USES LOCAL STONES AND SHELLS AS THE TABLEWARE.
OH!

WHAT IS THIS? I'M STARTING TO GET EXCITED...
Bite
MMMMMM!!!
WHAT IS THIS? IT'S CORN ICE CREAM!!
AND EVEN THOUGH IT'S CORN, IT'S SWEET ICE CREAM!!
BUT IT'S NOT A DESSERT. WHAT IS THIS?
I LIKE IT!!
EVEN THOUGH IT'S SWEET, IT'S CORN,
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THIS DRY-CURED HAM PAIRED WITH CHOCOLATE!?
EVEN THOUGH THE HALF-RAW SHRIMP IS TENDER AND SAVORY, I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW SWEET IT IS!
AND I LOVE THIS CORN WAFFLE!!
THE MUSHROOM MARINADE ON THE SCALLOPS IS ACIDIC AND HAS A STRONG SWEETNESS TO IT!
THIS IS SO MUCH FUN!!!
IT'S LIKE I CAME TO AN AMUSEMENT PARK THAT JUST SERVES AMUSE-BOUCHES...

IT'S SO CUTE !!!
THIS IS A MIJOTER WITH DRY-CURED HAM FROM SAGA PREFECTURE AND LOTS OF HERBS.
WHAT IS THIS? IT'S SO PRETTY... WHAT A COLORFUL PLATE...
BUT WELL, IT ISN'T ENOUGH TO JUST BE COLORFUL FOR SOMETHING LIKE...
BITE
IT...
IT'S SO TENDER ...!!!
JUST AS WITH ITS NAME "MIJOTER", THE VEGETABLES ARE GENTLY SIMMERED,
AND THE TASTE CHANGES WITH EVERY BITE FROM IT BEING ENCASED IN HERBS...
IT'S NOT JUST HOW IT LOOKS. THE TASTE IS COLORFUL, TOO!!!

A GENIUS DISH HAS MADE ITS WAY OUT!!
THIS IS FOIE GRAS CONFIT.
I can't see the foie gras with the melon on top!!


WAIT, WHAT AM I GETTING WORKED UP FOR LIKE I'M SOME KID?
SO I WON'T GET MOVED SO EASILY OVER IT.
I KNOW ALL TOO WELL THAT FOIE GRAS IS DELICIOUS,
AND THAT IT GOES REALLY WELL WITH SWEET FRUITS,


FOIE GRAS IS WHAT SUMMER IS MADE OF!!!
AHH...WHAT IS THIS? AMAZING... THERE'S YOGURT COATED WITH CANTALOUPE AND WATERMELON GELATIN AND PINEAPPLE JELLY...
Sparkle...

IT'S A HIGH-CLASS FISH!!!
THIS IS A ROSY SEABASS POELE.
Splish
BECAUSE IT'S A HIGH-CLASS FISH!? OR IS IT THE CHEF'S SKILL!?
WHY IS IT SO JUICY THAT IT MAKES ME THINK SOMETHING LIKE THAT!?
IS IT THE TEAMWORK BETWEEN THE FISH AND THE CHEF...!?
Shake
Shake
ALL I CAN DO IS CONGRAT-ULATE THE CHEF!!
THERE'S SOUP LOCKED INSIDE THE ○○!!!
Like in a cooking battle manga

HERE IS THE MAIN COURSE, ROAST DUCK.
IT'S NOT AN EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT I'M BEING EATEN ALIVE BY DUCK...
NEVER MIND!!
DUCK!! THE DUCK IS HERE!! I LOVE DUCK!!!
Shine!
Inner Nina
I REALLY LOVE BIRDS!!
ALTHOUGH NOT OVERSHADOWING BEEF OR PORK IN THE LEAST, THERE'S THIS TASTINESS THAT CAN TAKE ON A LEADING ROLE...
THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. IT'S SO DELICIOUS!
AHHHH... WHAT IS THIS SAVORY TASTE...?

THIS IS A PINEAPPLE COMPOTE AND RUM ICE CREAM.
THE MAIN COURSE WAS DELICIOUS, SO I DON'T WANT IT TO LEAVE MY MOUTH YET, BUT THIS IS SO TASTY, SO I WANT TO HAVE MORE. GIVE ME MORE. HELP!
THIS IS DELICE DU CHOCOLAT.
H...HUH...!? WHAT IS THIS? IT'S MUCH LIGHTER THAN I IMAGINED...AND YET, IT'S SO RICH...WHAT'S THIS CRUST UNDERNEATH? IT'S NOT A SPONGE, AND EVEN THOUGH IT'S CRISP, IT HAS THIS STICKY FEELING TO IT...AND WITH THIS PASSION FRUIT SAUCE, IT'S TURNED INTO SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT. AT ANY RATE, IT'S SO GOOD!
It won't fit
Whew...
They even brought me some small tea cakes at the end
TH...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THEY MADE ME ALL EXCITED AS IF I WAS A KID.
SOME-HOW,
EVEN THOUGH I CAME HERE TO FEEL CALM AND COMFORTED,
THAT WAS DELICIOUS...

WERE YOU SATISFIED WITH YOUR MEAL?
.....
Yes, very much so
Naturally, I gave him back the smile of an actress!!
Smile
I WANT TO SLAP THAT SMUG LOOK OFF THAT CHEF'S FACE!!
THIS KIND OF PISSES ME OFF!!
HE TOTALLY MADE ME ENJOY MYSELF!!
Beep
Beep
Beep
Ring
Ring
I FEEL UPLIFTED, SO...
...BUT,

...YEAH,
I JUST ATE.
WHAT'S GOING ON? AREN'T YOU IN HAKATA RIGHT NOW?
HELLO?
NINA?
I WAS THINKING ABOUT ASKING YOU
WHAT YOU WANTED AS A SOUVENIR!
AHHH...I'M TALKING LIKE THIS AGAIN...
AH! EHHH, UMMM...
THEN POLLOCK ROE!! THE LARGE KIND!
YOU CAN KEEP THAT SORT OF MORONIC STUFF TO YOURSELF!!
AS LONG AS YOU COME BACK SAFE, THAT'S ENOUGH FOR...
ガ-ン

YOU LIKED THAT POLLOCK ROE PASTA, RIGHT?
I'LL MAKE IT FOR YOU,
SO LET'S HAVE IT TOGETHER.
EVEN SO,
THE BEST NUTRIENT FOR A GIRL'S HEART
...ARE YOU FREE TOMOR-ROW?
MIGHT BE LOVE.
WAIT, WHAT AM I SAYING? THIS IS SO EMBAR-RASSING.
CONTINUED WITH CH. 3...

AN ELABORATE CAKE,
A LARGE BOUQUET,
AND A RESERVATION AT A LOVELY RESTAURANT.
BEING HAPPILY SURPRISED IS SO WONDER-FUL!
HAPPY 22nd BIRTHDAY, NINA-CHAN!!

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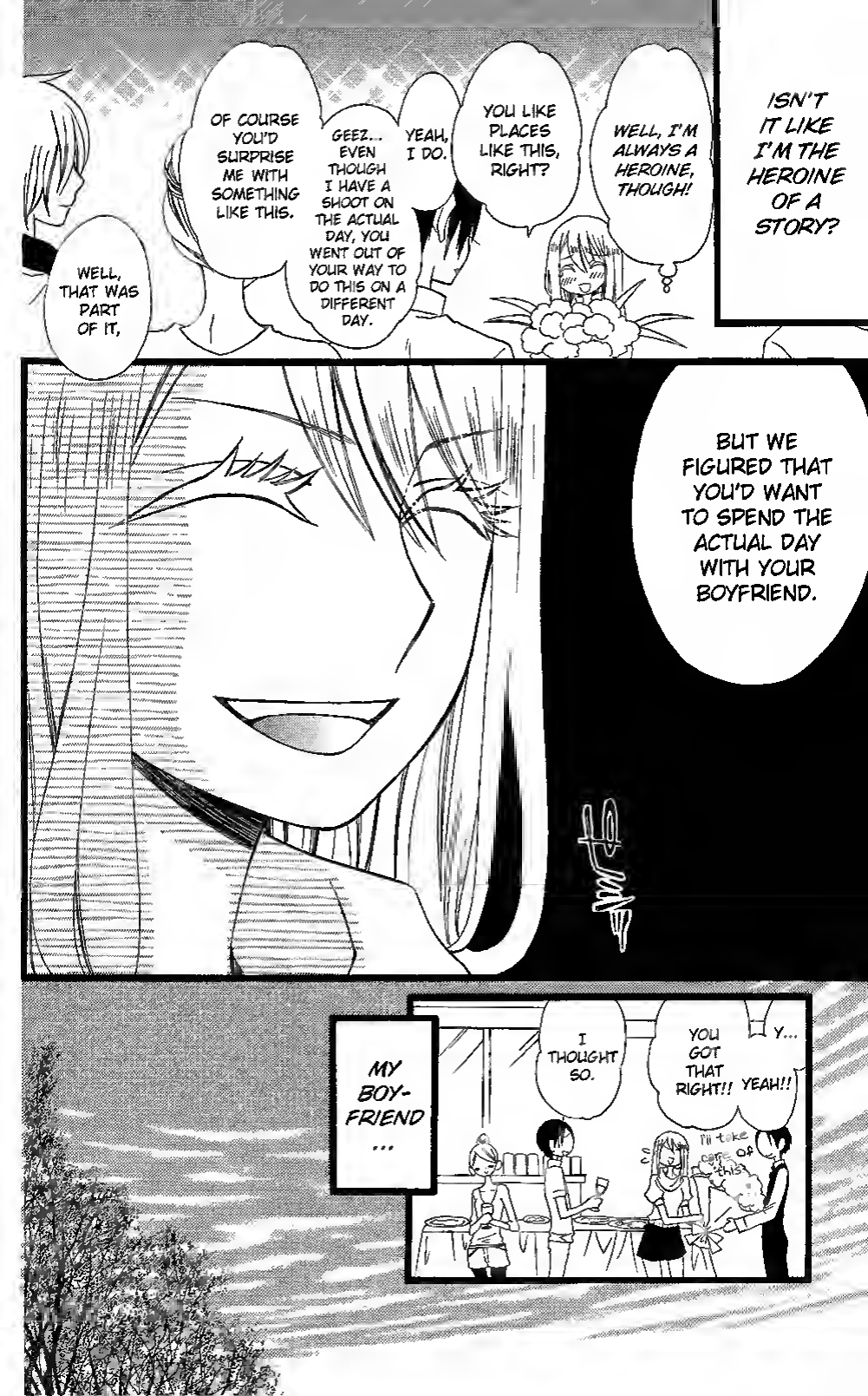
CH. 3


ISN'T IT LIKE I'M THE HEROINE OF A STORY?
WELL, I'M ALWAYS A HEROINE, THOUGH!
YOU LIKE PLACES LIKE THIS, RIGHT?
YEAH, I DO.
GEEZ... EVEN THOUGH I HAVE A SHOOT ON THE ACTUAL DAY, YOU WENT OUT OF YOUR WAY TO DO THIS ON A DIFFERENT DAY.
OF COURSE YOU'D SURPRISE ME WITH SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
WELL, THAT WAS PART OF IT,
BUT WE FIGURED THAT YOU'D WANT TO SPEND THE ACTUAL DAY WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND.
MY BOY-FRIEND ...
I THOUGHT SO.
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT!!
Y...
YEAH!!
I'll take care of this

The day of her birthday
WE MADE PLANS TO MEET UP LATER, AT LEAST,
BUT WE BOTH HAD WORK TODAY.
HE'S NOT THE TYPE OF GUY WHO COULD PULL OFF STUFF LIKE THAT...
AH, IT'S OPEN.
RYOUMA ?
ARE YOU HERE?

HUH ...?
WELCOME HOME.
HERE, I'LL TAKE YOUR BAG.
EH?
HUH? HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RYOUMA?
PLEASE GO GET CHANGED AND THEN TAKE A SEAT.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
JUST PLEASE GO GET CHANGED.
EHH? BUT WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? HEY! COME ON!
!
LISTEN!!
IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!!

BUT I CAN'T DO SOMETHING TASTEFUL LIKE SURPRISE YOU
OR MAKE A RESERVATION AT A RESTAURANT YOU'D LIKE,
SO I THOUGHT I COULD AT LEAST DO SOMETHING AT YOUR PLACE...
SO I'M GOING TO SERVE YOU TODAY!
I PREPARED A LOT OF YOUR FAVORITE CHEESES,
SO JUST BE QUIET AND GO GET CHANGED...
EH?
HUH...?
WHAAAAT ...!!!?
Cough
HMPH!
AHH...
WELL THEN, MISS,
HERE IS YOUR FIRST COURSE,

BURRATA.
IT'S A FRESH CHEESE IMPORTED DIRECTLY FROM ITALY WITH CREAM STUFFED INSIDE MOZZARELLA.
TH-
THIS IS MY ABSOLUTE FAVORITE!
I KNOW ALL TOO WELL.
Eh, heh, heh!
I HAVE PREPARED IT TWO WAYS.
A SIMPLE VARIANT WITH SALT AND OLIVE OIL,
AND A SWEET VERSION WITH HONEY.

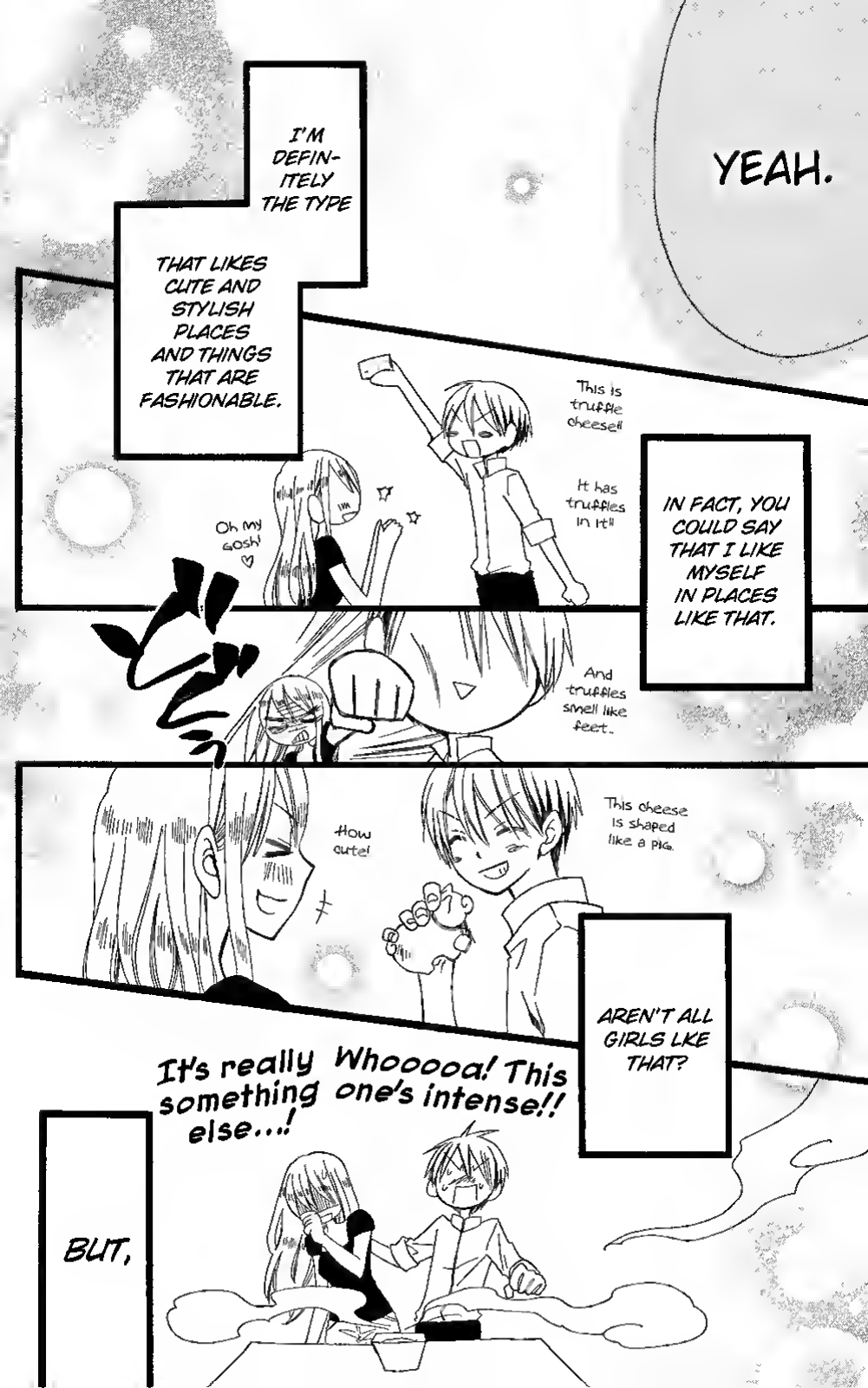
MMM...!!! THIS IS GREAT...!
I PARTICULARLY LOVE EATING IT WITH HONEY LIKE THIS...
AHHH...
WOMEN SURE DO LOVE PAIRINGS SUCH AS GORGONZOLA AND HONEY, DON'T THEY?
!
NORMALLY, EACH CHEESE SHOULD BE PAIRED WITH A DIFFERENT WINE,
Sqhes
BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM AS IF YOU'RE FOND OF DRINKING,
SO I PREPARED A SPARKLING ROSE THAT'S SMOOTH AND EASY TO DRINK.
THAT PINK COLOR IS SO CUTE...
AND PRETTY ...

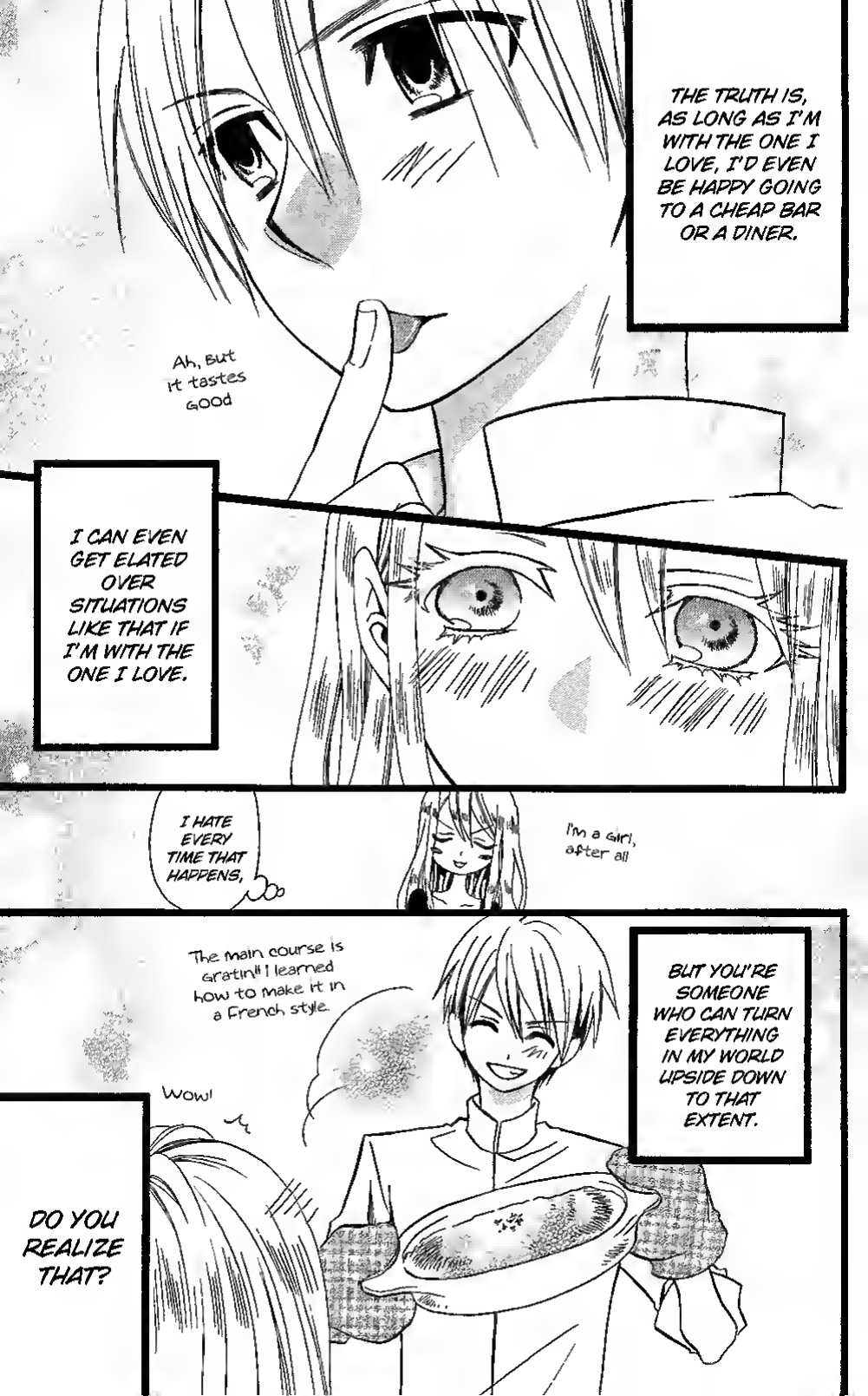
NEXT...
HERE WE HAVE CAMEMBERT AFFINE AU CALVADOS.
IT'S A CAMEMBERT CHEESE THAT'S DIPPED IN CALVADOS...AN APPLE BRANDY.
IT'S SOFT, SO PLEASE HAVE SOME ON CRACKERS.
Crunch
.....
WHAT A NICE SCENT.
I REALLY LIKE THIS.
ME, TOO.
I like this.
Smile
WHOA, WHY IS MY HEART RACING? HOW STUPID.
BLUSH
But that chef coat and waiter apron are so unfair
Umm, next

THIS IS CAPRILLICE AL VINO,
A CHEESE MADE FROM GOAT MILK AND WASHED IN RED WINE.
IT'S SO PRETTY!! THE PURPLE RIND IS FROM THE WINE, RIGHT?
Slice
IT'S A SEMI-HARD TYPE, SO IT'S JUST EATEN ALONE...
WOW!! IT'S SO GOOD!!
IT SMELLS LIKE RED WINE,
I'm in heaven! ♡
AND EVEN THOUGH IT'S GOAT CHEESE, IT'S SMOOTH AND EASY TO EAT.
And it goes so well with wine!!
THE TRUTH IS, THERE AREN'T THAT MANY CHEESES IN FRANCE THAT THEY EAT ALONE, THOUGH.
Although this is a Spanish cheese
WOW! REALLY?
YOU SURE KNOW A LOT,
Even though this is authentic!
AND YOU'VE BEEN EXPLAINING THE CHEESES, TOO...
EH HEH!

I STAYED A WHILE AT THE CHEESE SHOP LISTENING TO THE EXPLANATIONS,
AND I'M AN ACTOR FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH,
SO MEMORIZING LINES IS A PIECE OF CAKE...
...
WHAT WAS THIS AGAIN?
?
?
UMM...
H-
HUH?
WHOA!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
JUST SIT DOWN!

B...BUT TODAY, I'M TAKING CARE OF...
LOOK!
ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP MAKING THE BIRTHDAY GIRL JUST EAT BY HERSELF?
AND YOU'RE NOT MY WAITER.
Hug
YOU'RE MY BOYFRIEND.


YEAH.
I'M DEFINITELY THE TYPE
THAT LIKES CUTE AND STYLISH PLACES AND THINGS THAT ARE FASHIONABLE.
This is truffle cheese!!
It has truffles in it!!
Oh my gosh!
IN FACT, YOU COULD SAY THAT I LIKE MYSELF IN PLACES LIKE THAT.
And truffles smell like feet.
How cute!
This cheese is shaped like a pig.
AREN'T ALL GIRLS LKE THAT?
Whooooa! This one's intense!!
It's really something else...!
BUT,

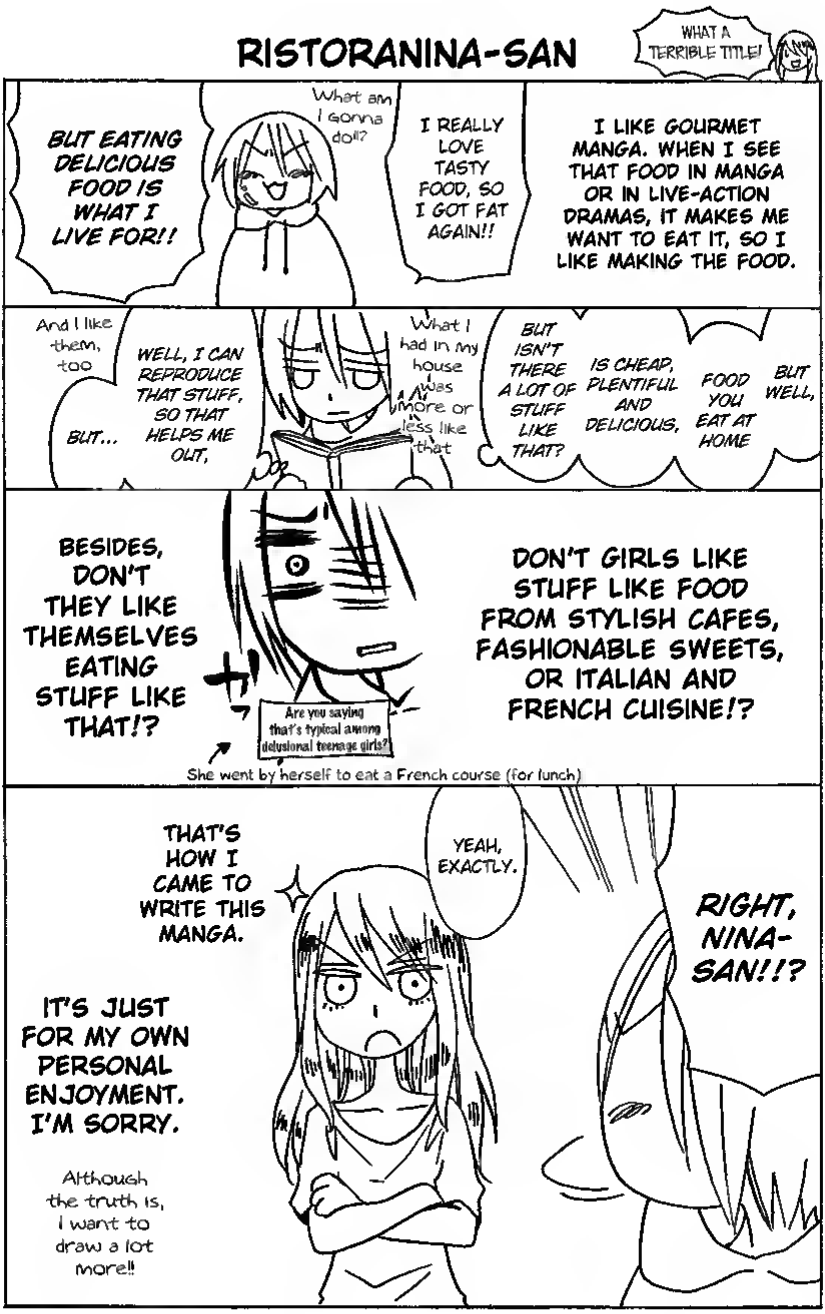

THE TRUTH IS, AS LONG AS I'M WITH THE ONE I LOVE, I'D EVEN BE HAPPY GOING TO A CHEAP BAR OR A DINER.
Ah, but it tastes good
I CAN EVEN GET ELATED OVER SITUATIONS LIKE THAT IF I'M WITH THE ONE I LOVE.
I HATE EVERY TIME THAT HAPPENS,
I'm a girl, after all
The main course is gratin!! I learned how to make it in a French style.
Wow!
BUT YOU'RE SOMEONE WHO CAN TURN EVERYTHING IN MY WORLD UPSIDE DOWN TO THAT EXTENT.
DO YOU REALIZE THAT?

I GUESS I SHOULDN'T BE ASKING IF HE REALIZES THAT WHEN I HAVEN'T TOLD HIM.
Heh!
STAND
NINA... DO YOU STILL HAVE SOME ROOM?
I ALSO BAKED A CAKE.
Can I bring it out?
HUH !?
HAPPY Birth day NINA
NO WAY!! YOU MADE THIS!?
YEAH, THE ITALIAN RESTAURANT YOU LIKE ALSO HOLDS PASTRY CLASSES,
This also has all kinds of cheeses in it.
SO I LEARNED HOW FROM THERE.
WHAT !?
WHERE'S THIS GIRL POWER COMING FROM...?
Crunch
HM!?

HUH ...?
TH-
THIS.
WHOA,
IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S STYLISH OR FASHIONABLE,
AND THE SAME GOES FOR THE TASTEFUL SERVICE,
THIS IS NOTHING LIKE ME! WHAT IS THIS!? IT'S SO DAMN EMBARR-ASSING!
UWAAAAAA! ON SECOND THOUGHT, I SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT!
UH...
NO,

BUT EVEN SO,
THIS IS MY MOST CHERISHED
...YOU IDIOT.
I LOVE YOU!
FIRST-RATE RISTORANTE ALL FOR ME.
FIRST-RATE RISTORANTES
THE END

RISTORANINA-SAN


WHAT A TERRIBLE TITLE!
I LIKE GOURMET MANGA. WHEN I SEE THAT FOOD IN MANGA OR IN LIVE-ACTION DRAMAS, IT MAKES ME WANT TO EAT IT, SO I LIKE MAKING THE FOOD.
I REALLY LOVE TASTY FOOD, SO I GOT FAT AGAIN!!
What am I gonna do!?
BUT EATING DELICIOUS FOOD IS WHAT I LIVE FOR!!
BUT WELL, FOOD YOU EAT AT HOME IS CHEAP, PLENTIFUL AND DELICIOUS, BUT ISN'T THERE A LOT OF STUFF LIKE THAT?
What I had in my house was more or less like that
WELL, I CAN REPRODUCE THAT STUFF, SO THAT HELPS ME OUT, BUT...
And I like them, too
DON'T GIRLS LIKE STUFF LIKE FOOD FROM STYLISH CAFES, FASHIONABLE SWEETS, OR ITALIAN AND FRENCH CUISINE!?
BESIDES, DON'T THEY LIKE THEMSELVES EATING STUFF LIKE THAT!?
Are you saying that's typical among delusional teenage girls?
She went by herself to eat a French course (for lunch)
RIGHT, NINA-SAN!!?
YEAH, EXACTLY.
THAT'S HOW I CAME TO WRITE THIS MANGA.
IT'S JUST FOR MY OWN PERSONAL ENJOYMENT. I'M SORRY.
Although the truth is, I want to draw a lot more!!

THESE RESTAURANTS HELPED ME OUT WITH FIRST-RATE RISTORANTES.

● CAFE LUCKY CLOVER

THIS IS AN ITALIAN RESTAURANT I LOVE IN MY LOCAL AREA. WHENEVER MY FRIENDS COME TO HANG OUT, I TAKE THEM HERE BECAUSE I WANT TO BOAST ABOUT IT!! THEY USE LOCAL INGREDIENTS AND MAKE DELICIOUS FOOD EVERY TIME I GO HERE!! I LOVE THIS PLACE!

I LOVE IT!!

THEY HAVE A STANDARD MENU AND A MENU THAT USES SEASONAL INGREDIENTS, SO EVERY TIME IT MAKES ME WISH I ORDERED SOMETHING MORE...GRRR! IT'S ALWAYS CLOSED ON MONDAY. IF THIS CAFE CLOSES ITS DOORS, I'LL LOSE MY REASON TO STAY IN MY HOME TOWN. I WORK HARD SO THAT I CAN GO HERE.

● AU GOUT DU JOUR MERVEILLE HAKATA

THIS IS A FRENCH RESTAURANT INSIDE HAKATA STATION KUUTEN THAT I'VE GONE TO WHENEVER I GO TO HAVE FUN IN FUKUOKA. I'VE OFTEN GONE HERE WITH MY YOUNGER SISTER. THERE WAS A DIFFERENT CHEF DURING THE TIME I WAS GOING HERE FREQUENTLY, BUT THE NEW CHEF'S FOOD IS ALSO DELICIOUS, HEALTHY, COLORFUL, PRETTY, AND I KNOW GIRLS WOULD LOVE IT...!!! IF ANY GUYS ARE READING THIS, BY ALL MEANS TAKE YOUR GIRLFRIEND TO THIS PLACE. IT'S ALSO LOVELY HOW THIS IS THE ONLY FRENCH CUISINE YOU CAN EAT INSIDE THE STATION BUILDING!! IT FILLS UP QUICKLY, SO I RECOMMEND GETTING A RESERVATION. THE MENU CHANGES MONTHLY, SO YOU HAVE TO GO EVERY MONTH!! FOR ANY OF YOU IN JUNIOR HIGH OR YOUNGER, YOU'LL HAVE TO TREMBLE IN ANTICIPATION UNTIL YOU'RE AN ADULT!!!

● CHEESE OUKOKU HAKATA HANKYUU STORE

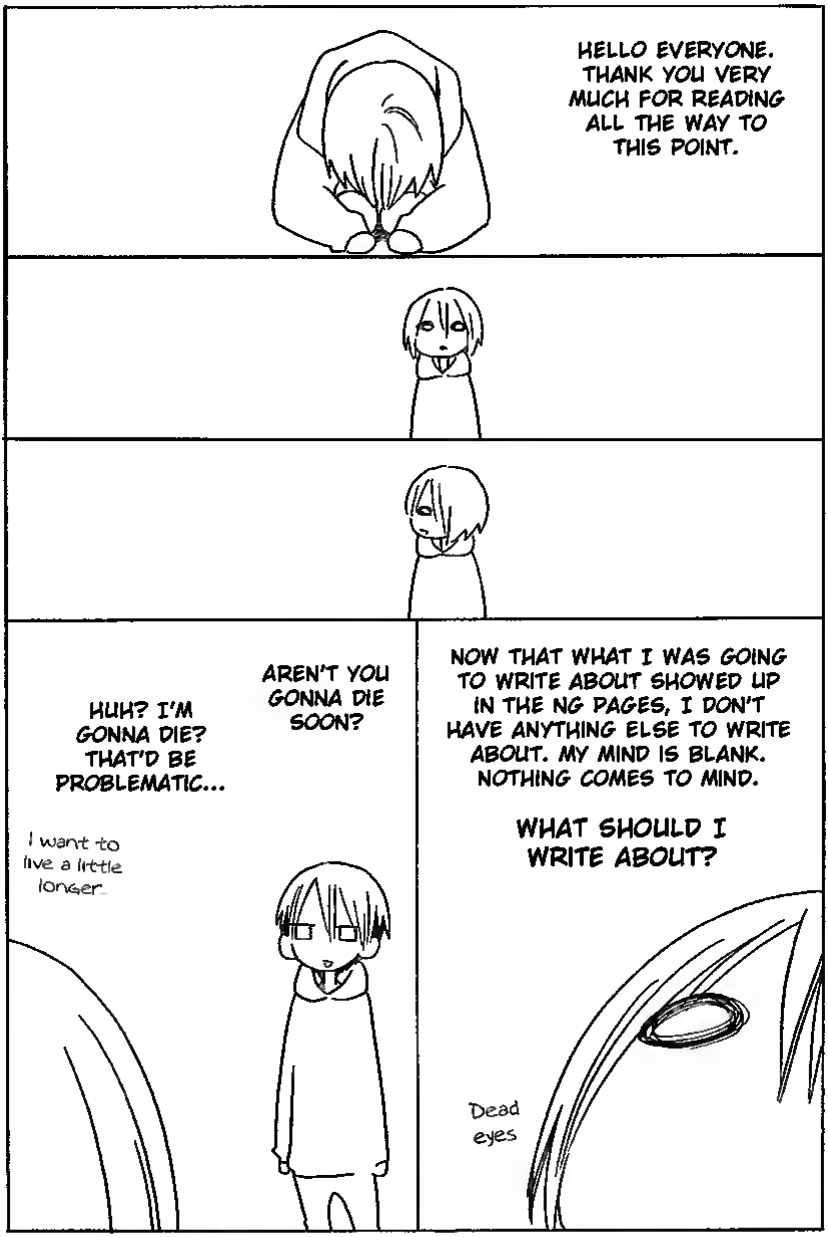
THEY SHARED SO MUCH WITH ME! THEY HAVE A TON OF DELICIOUS CHEESE FROM AROUND THE WORLD, AND I ALWAYS END UP BUYING TOO MUCH. I ALSO RECOMMEND THE PIZZA HERE!!!

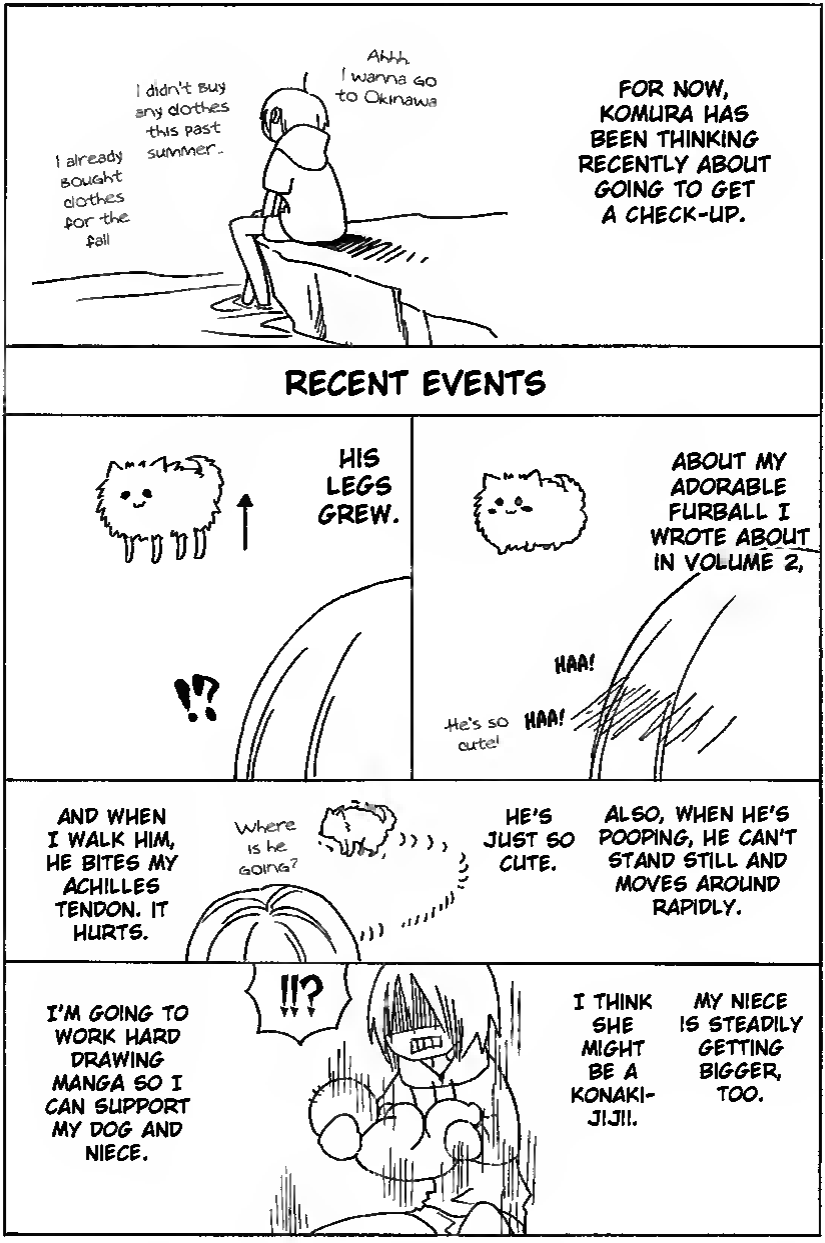
● CHEESE ARTISAN FRANK-SAN

HE TOLD ME ALL ABOUT HOW TO MAKE CHEESES AND FRENCH EATING HABITS!!

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!!!

AFTERWORD


HELLO EVERYONE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR READING ALL THE WAY TO THIS POINT.
NOW THAT WHAT I WAS GOING TO WRITE ABOUT SHOWED UP IN THE NG PAGES, I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO WRITE ABOUT. MY MIND IS BLANK. NOTHING COMES TO MIND.
WHAT SHOULD I WRITE ABOUT?
Dead eyes
AREN'T YOU GONNA DIE SOON?
HUH? I'M GONNA DIE? THAT'D BE PROBLEMATIC...
I want to live a little longer.


Ahhh I wanna go to Okinawa
I didn't buy any clothes this past summer.
I already bought clothes for the fall
FOR NOW, KOMURA HAS BEEN THINKING RECENTLY ABOUT GOING TO GET A CHECK-UP.
RECENT EVENTS
HIS LEGS GREW.
!?
ABOUT MY ADORABLE FURBALL I WROTE ABOUT IN VOLUME 2,
HAA!
He's so cute!
HAA!
AND WHEN I WALK HIM, HE BITES MY ACHILLES TENDON. IT HURTS.
Where is he going?
HE'S JUST SO CUTE.
ALSO, WHEN HE'S POOPING, HE CAN'T STAND STILL AND MOVES AROUND RAPIDLY.
I'M GOING TO WORK HARD DRAWING MANGA SO I CAN SUPPORT MY DOG AND NIECE.
!!?
I THINK SHE MIGHT BE A KONAKI-JIJII.
MY NIECE IS STEADILY GETTING BIGGER, TOO.

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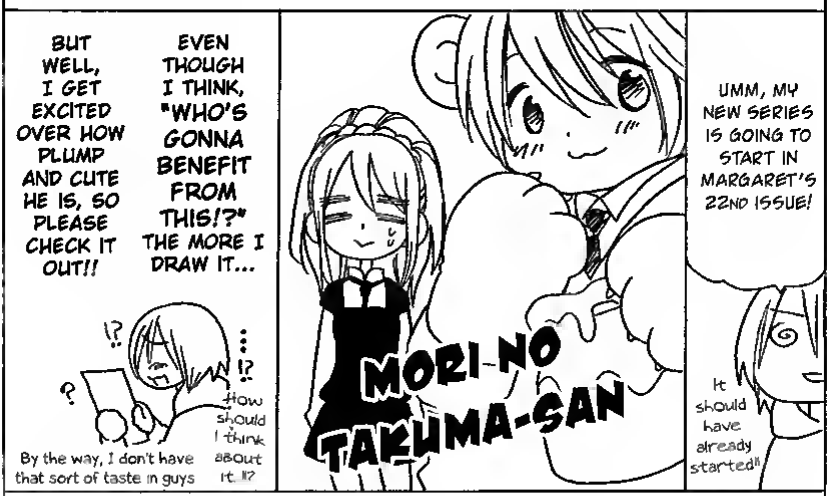
BUT WELL, I GET EXCITED OVER HOW PLUMP AND CUTE HE IS, SO PLEASE CHECK IT OUT!!
EVEN THOUGH I THINK, "WHO'S GONNA BENEFIT FROM THIS!?" THE MORE I DRAW IT...
!?
?
!?
How should I think about it...!?
By the way, I don't have that sort of taste in guys
MORI-NO TAKUMA-SAN
UMM, MY NEW SERIES IS GOING TO START IN MARGARET'S 22ND ISSUE!
It should have already started!

PLEASE SEND LETTERS

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Until then!

If you like, please tell me what you think about the new series and First-rate Ristorantes, too!

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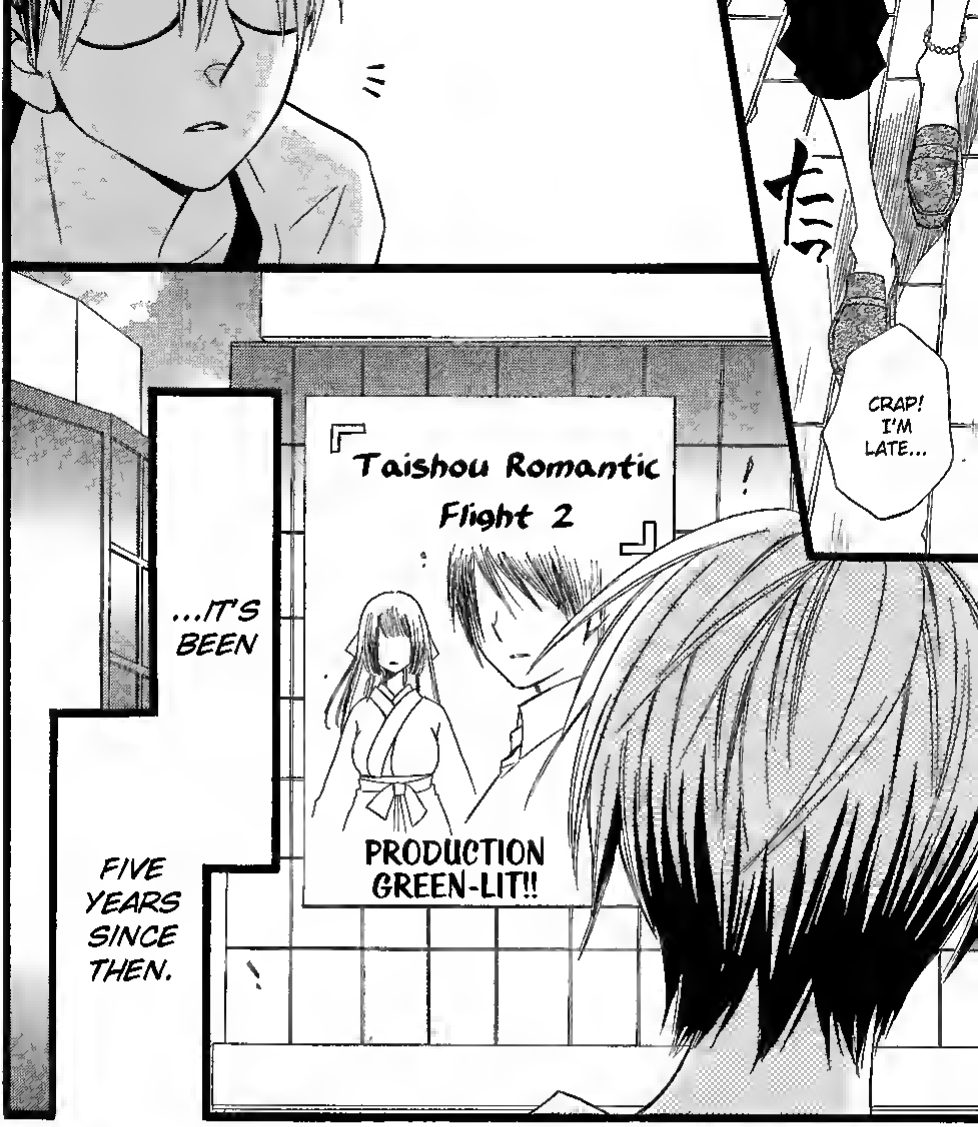
CRAP! I'M LATE...
Taishou Romantic Flight 2
PRODUCTION GREEN-LIT!!
...IT'S BEEN
FIVE YEARS SINCE THEN.

AT LEAST LET ME DECIDE AT THE END!
Huuuh?
You look so nice!!

AND SHE BECAME SOMEWHAT WELL-KNOWN AS A RESULT.
AT THE AUDITION FOR "TAISHOU ROMANTIC FLIGHT",
MAO GOT THE ROLE OF THE HEROINE (MUCH TO NINA'S OUTRAGE),
"TAISHOU ROMANTIC FLIGHT" HEROINE FIRST VISUAL! DECIDED!
HUH!?
I'll kill them!!
Weekly Ondai
HEY!! THEY WROTE AN ARTICLE ON HAYATO-KUN!
This didn't go through our agency, right!?
THEIR RELATIONSHIP TOGETHER GOT LEAKED.
IN FACT,

Taishou Romantic Flight premiere
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU TWO ARE GOING OUT!?
IS
EH...
EXCUSE ME, ANY QUESTIONS OTHER THAN ABOUT THE MOVIE...
EH HEH HEH HEH!

Warmth...
THE PRESS COULDN'T OFFER UP ANY RUDE COMMENTS BECAUSE OF HAYATO'S NATURAL AURA OF HAPPINESS.
WHOA! WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!?
Read about their fateful meeting and fateful reunion
The No. 1 Ideal Couple
Hayato Honjou
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Mao Manaka
COME ON, STOP IT... WHAT MATTERS IS THAT HAYATO'S HAPPY, RIGHT?
I CAN'T FORGIVE HER!!
OUR HAYATO GOT STOLEN
BY SOME BUMPKIN!!
SHE MUST BE SOME BORING GIRL, AT ANY RATE!!
It must be for publicity!!
And she's on a new show!!
AH! THAT'S HER ON THE NEXT SHOW, RIGHT!?

PLOW!
MAO FARM!!
LET'S START BY CLEARING THE LAND
AND MAKE A FARM!!

MAO GOT A LICENSE TO OPERATE HEAVY MACHINERY AND STARTED A SHOW ABOUT MAKING A FARM.
WH-
WHAT IS THIS?
UMM...
MAO-CHAN, WHAT'S THE FINAL GOAL FOR THIS?
WELL...IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN,
I COULD AT LEAST PROVIDE FOR THOSE WHO ARE WATCHING THIS SHOW, I GUESS.
FOR SOME REASON, IT WAS A HIT,
AND IT WAS EXCEEDINGLY POPULAR, ESPECIALLY AMONG GIRLS.
きゃん…
OH... OH MY GOSH!
SHE'S SO COOL...!

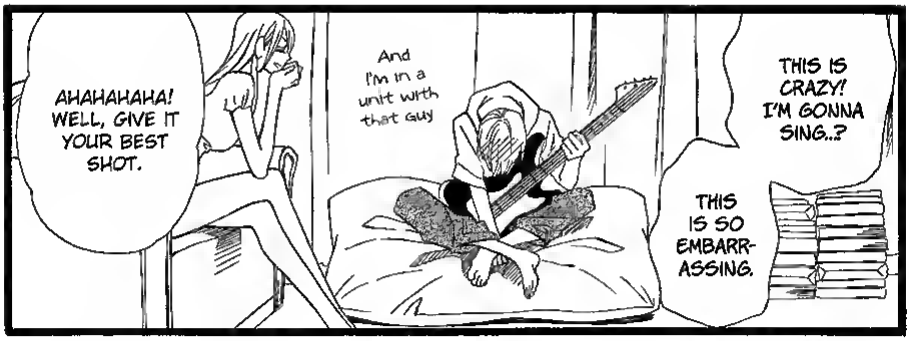
AND IT SEEMS THAT HAYATO FELT THE NEED TO WORK HARD WHENEVER HE SAW MAO LIKE THAT.
YOUR GIRLFRIEND IS PRETTY AMAZING.
ISN'T SHE!!? I HAVE TO WORK HARD, TOO! WHOOOOA!
Hayato Honjou
EVEN NOW, THE TWO OF THEM
ARE A COUPLE ADMIRED BY SOCIETY.

AS FOR ME,
WHOA! THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME!
NOW THAT YOU'VE TURNED IT DOWN ONCE.
...EVEN SO, THAT MOVIE OFFER PROBABLY ISN'T GONNA HAPPEN
I KNOW.
I CAN'T SAY SOMETHING SELFISH AT THIS POINT LIKE I WANT TO DO THAT, TOO.
AFTER KENJIROU CRIED AND PUNCHED ME,
I SOMEHOW MANAGED TO KEEP WORKING.
BUT I WANT TO KEEP WORKING.
I WANT TO
TRY A LITTLE HARDER.

YOU'RE HOPELESS!
MAKE SURE YOU WORK HARDER THAN YOU HAVE UP TO NOW!
YOU GOT IT!
I WAS ALLOWED TO JOIN A THEATER GROUP
AND RELEARNED HOW TO ACT FROM SCRATCH.

W-WHO ARE YOU!?
AHHH! IT'S YOU!!
YOU STOLE MY ROLE!!
I EVEN MADE A RIVAL.
I WAS GONNA PLAY THE YOUNGER BROTHER ON "JIN"!!
I should have been the one to get a Big Break!!
AHHH!
WAIT, DIDN'T YOU JUST GET SICK BACK THEN!?
Sorry, captain!!
HEY, YOU TWO!! JUST GET OVER HERE AND DO THE VOCAL EXERCISES!
Damn it...
HUH?
WHAT IS IT?
THAT!
WHOA!
YOU!

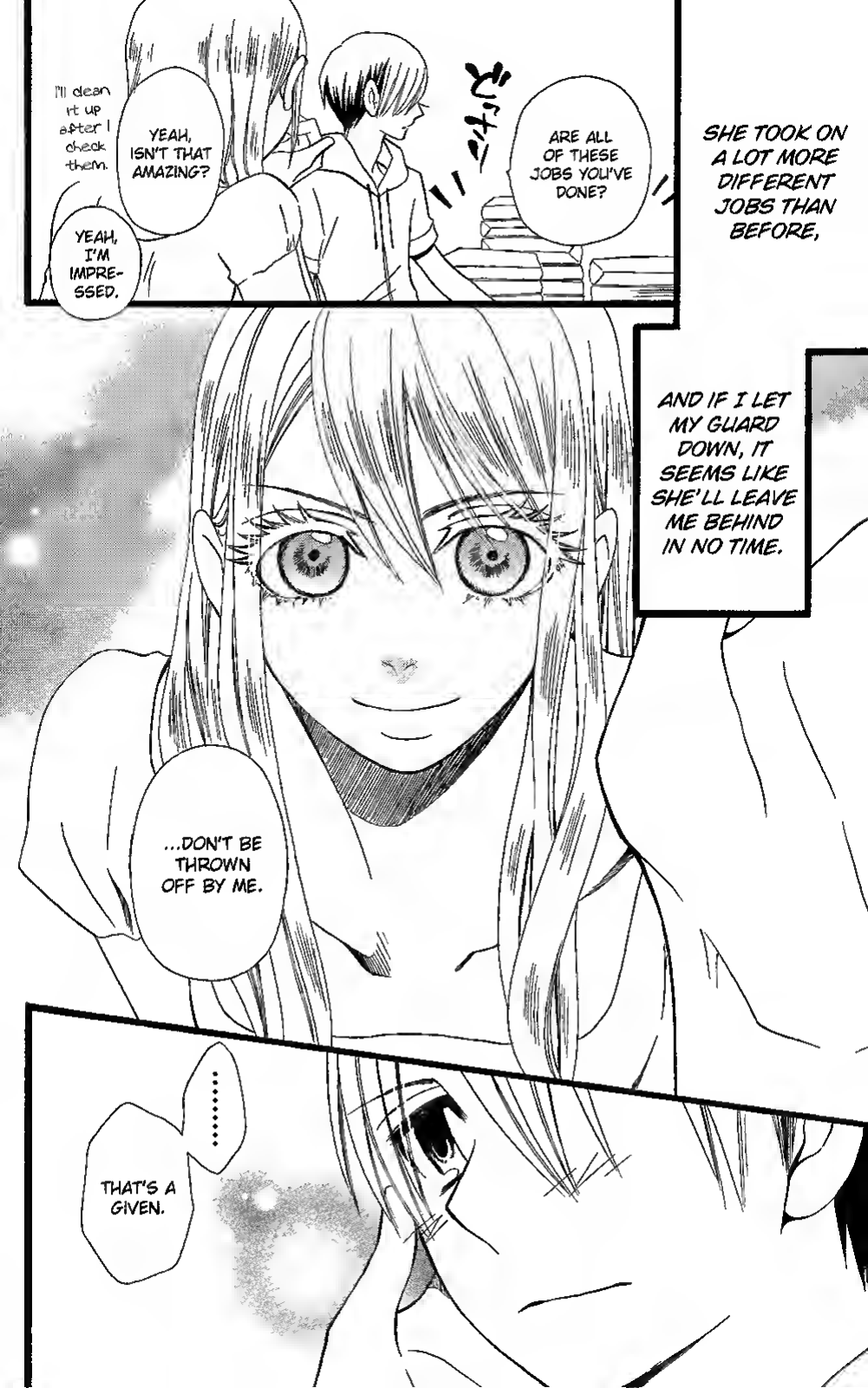
WHERE'D THIS COME FROM OUT OF THE BLUE!?
THIS KID SINGS!!!
KEN-JIROU !!
YOU SHOULD LET
!?
AND SO, FOR SOME REASON,
MY SINGING DEBUT WAS SUDDENLY SET IN STONE.
VOCAL UNIT
VS
DEBUT!!



AS FOR NINA,

JUST AS SHE SAID BACK THEN, FAR FROM GOING EASY ON ME,

"EVEN IF YOU FEEL FRUSTRATED WHILE YOU'RE WITH ME, JUST GET THE BETTER OF IT!"


ARE ALL OF THESE JOBS YOU'VE DONE?
どれも
YEAH, ISN'T THAT AMAZING?
I'll clean it up after I check them.
YEAH, I'M IMPRESSED.
SHE TOOK ON A LOT MORE DIFFERENT JOBS THAN BEFORE,
AND IF I LET MY GUARD DOWN, IT SEEMS LIKE SHE'LL LEAVE ME BEHIND IN NO TIME.
...DON'T BE THROWN OFF BY ME.
.....
THAT'S A GIVEN.

.....
NOTH-
ING...
WHAT?

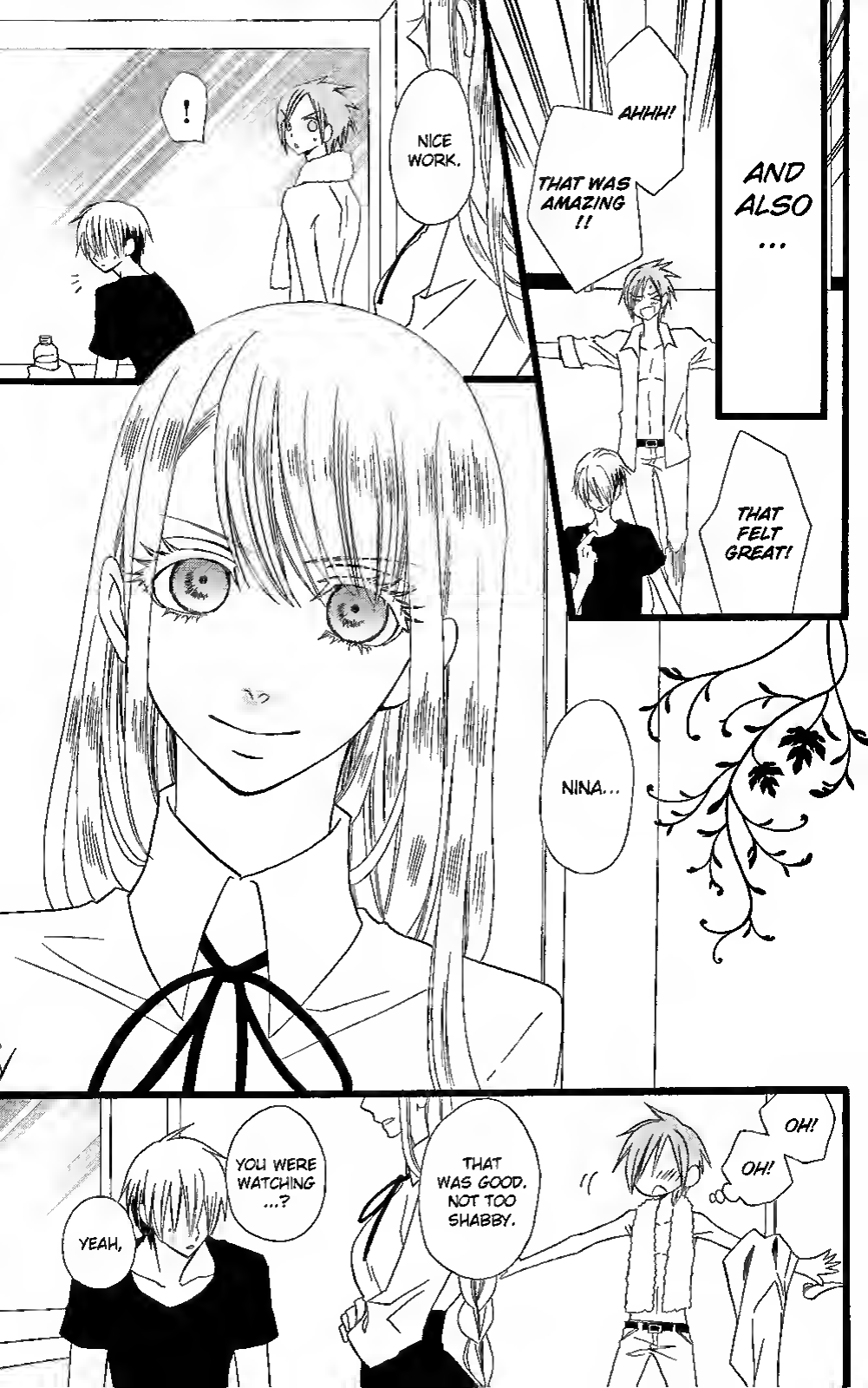
!?
WHY ARE YOU SO PUMPED UP!?
LET'S DO THIS!!!
ALL RIGHT !!!
VS

...
AND
NOW,
Shrr
VS
First Dome Live
~What are you fighting with?~
FINALLY...

BREAK A LEG, RYOUMA!
It's a full house!
WOW! YOU'RE GONNA DO A CONCERT AT A HUGE PLACE LIKE THIS?
SURE THING!
WA!
LIFE IS SO STRANGE.

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME
SINCE MAO LEFT MY SIDE.
COMPARED TO WHEN I CHASED AFTER MAO,
I'M MOTIVATED BY DIFFERENT FEELINGS AS I AM NOW.

FOR EVERYONE CHEERING ME ON,
WA
AAAA
FOR MYSELF FOR DECIDING TO LIVE IN THIS WORLD.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NICE WORK.
AHHH!
THAT WAS AMAZING !!
AND ALSO ...
THAT FELT GREAT!
NINA...
YEAH,
YOU WERE WATCHING ...?
THAT WAS GOOD. NOT TOO SHABBY.
OH!
OH!

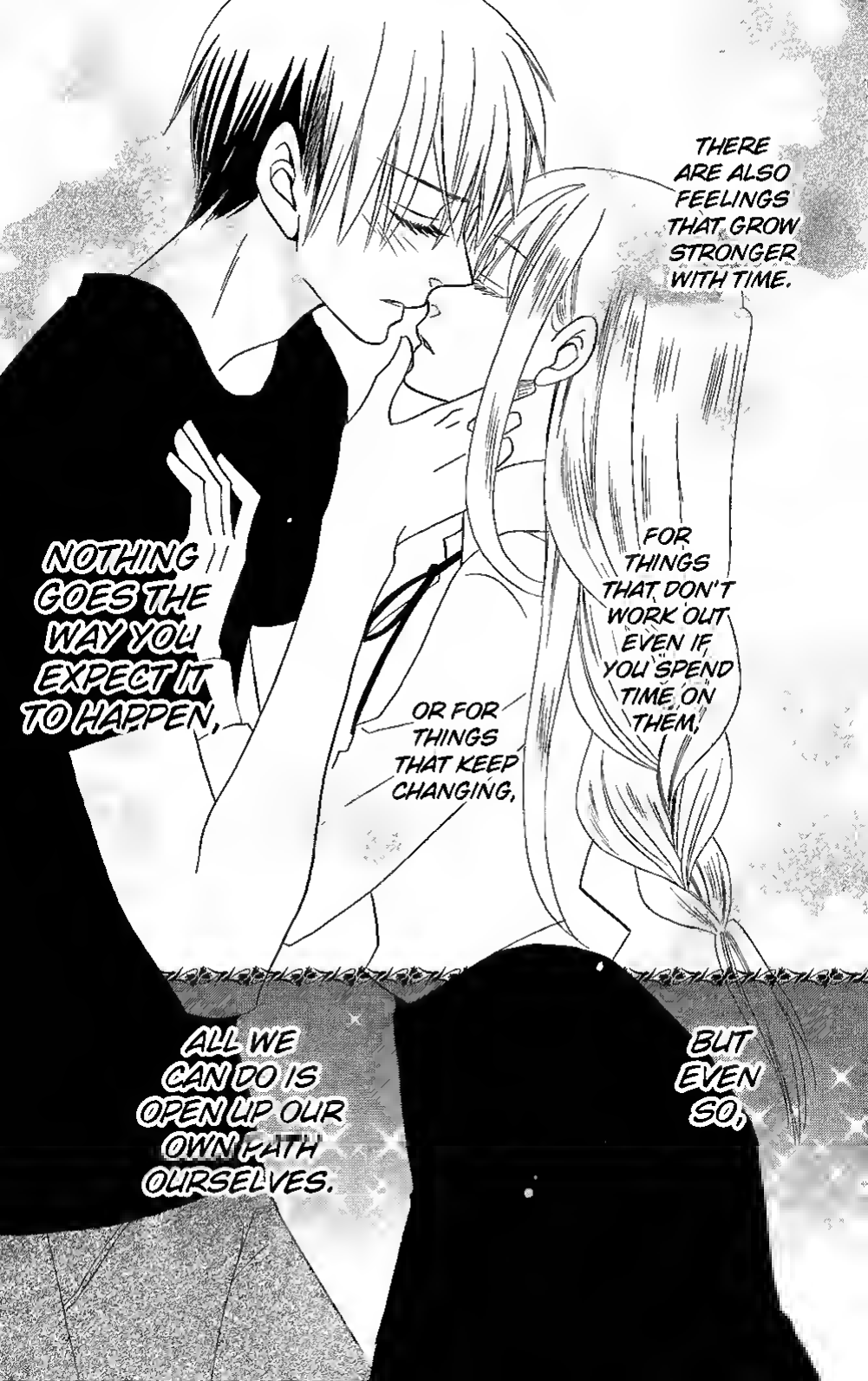
VS
SHUT
HUH ...?
Whoa!
A LITTLE FRUS-TRATING.
BUT IT'S
IT'S LIKE YOU BELONG TO EVERYONE NOW,
SO I'M KINDA JEALOUS.
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU SAY TO SOMEONE IN SHOWBIZ.
BUT THEN,
NINA.

HNN...

HA...
Hug...
I'M ALREADY YOURS, NINA.
I ALWAYS THOUGHT ABOUT TELLING YOU ONCE I FELT THAT I HAD
REALLY WORKED HARD AT SOMETHING,
AND NOW I CAN FINALLY SAY IT...

I LOVE YOU.
I LOVE YOU.
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH.

THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT THAT.
I'M A MAN, AFTER ALL.
SHOWING THAT MANLY SIDE OF YOU EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE LIKE THAT
IS SO UNFAIR.
.....
I TOLD YOU THAT I DIDN'T CARE
ABOUT YOUR PRIDE.


THERE ARE ALSO FEELINGS THAT GROW STRONGER WITH TIME.
FOR THINGS THAT DON'T WORK OUT EVEN IF YOU SPEND TIME ON THEM,
OR FOR THINGS THAT KEEP CHANGING,
NOTHING GOES THE WAY YOU EXPECT IT TO HAPPEN,
BUT EVEN SO,
ALL WE CAN DO IS OPEN UP OUR OWN PATH OURSELVES.

ADJUST,
PLOW,
CARRY,
WE DIG,
AND THEN WITHOUT FAIL,
THAT PATH OPENS UP.

AS LONG AS WE DON'T GIVE UP,
Huh...?
?
OUR PATHS WILL CROSS SOME-WHERE,

OKAY,
LET'S GO.
SO WE'LL GO ALL OUT TO KEEP MAKING THAT PATH TODAY.
RYOUMA-KUN, NINA-CHAN,
WE'RE READY FOR THE TAKE.
THE END

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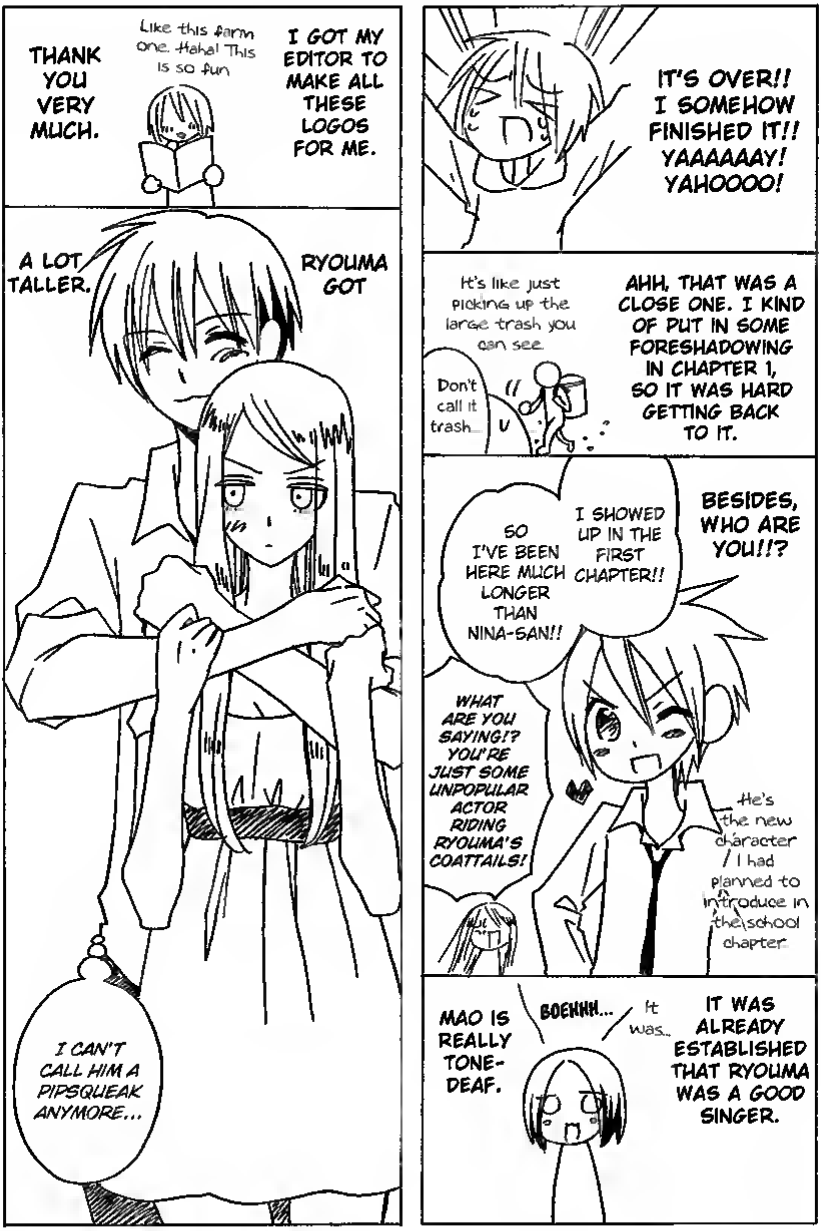
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
Like this farm one. Haha! This is so fun
I GOT MY EDITOR TO MAKE ALL THESE LOGOS FOR ME.
A LOT TALLER.
RYOUMA GOT
I CAN'T CALL HIM A PIPSQUEAK ANYMORE...
IT'S OVER!! I SOMEHOW FINISHED IT!! YAAAAAAY! YAHOOOO!
It's like just picking up the large trash you can see
Don't call it trash...
AHH, THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE. I KIND OF PUT IN SOME FORESHADOWING IN CHAPTER 1, SO IT WAS HARD GETTING BACK TO IT.
BESIDES, WHO ARE YOU!!?
I SHOWED UP IN THE FIRST CHAPTER!!
SO I'VE BEEN HERE MUCH LONGER THAN NINA-SAN!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? YOU'RE JUST SOME UNPOPULAR ACTOR RIDING RYOUMA'S COATTAILS!
He's the new character I had planned to introduce in the school chapter
MAO IS REALLY TONE-DEAF.
BOENNN...
It was...
IT WAS ALREADY ESTABLISHED THAT RYOUMA WAS A GOOD SINGER.